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H. R. 6298

To direct the President to transmit to Congress a plan to address rising energy prices in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. VAN DREW, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GIBBS, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Make Energy Afford-
5 able Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PLAN TO ADDRESS RISING ENERGY PRICES.**

7 (a) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2021,
8 the President, in consultation with the Secretary of En-

1 ergy, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Labor,
2 the Administrator of the Energy Information Administra-
3 tion, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the
4 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
5 shall develop and transmit to Congress a report on rising
6 energy prices in the United States that includes—

7 (1) information on—

8 (A) if higher energy prices have led to in-
9 creases in consumer prices across the economy;
10 and

11 (B) how many energy sector jobs in the
12 United States have been lost since January 1,
13 2021, and the outlook for such jobs in the com-
14 ing years;

15 (2) a description of specific actions that Federal
16 agencies are currently taking, or are planning to
17 take in the immediate future—

18 (A) to address rising energy prices and en-
19 ergy supply shortages;

20 (B) to increase oil and natural gas produc-
21 tion in the United States; and

22 (C) to streamline permitting processes for
23 energy projects;

1 (3) a list of each energy project for which a
2 final decision on an application submitted for a Fed-
3 eral permit or other approval has not been issued;

4 (4) a list of each energy project that has re-
5 ceived Federal approval and for which State or local
6 approval is pending;

7 (5) analyses and projections for residential and
8 commercial electricity and fuel prices for the next 12
9 months;

10 (6) an assessment of recent Federal actions,
11 regulations, and policies that may be causing or con-
12 tributing to energy price increases, including assess-
13 ment of the impacts on energy prices of revoking the
14 permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, imposing a
15 moratorium on fossil energy development on Federal
16 lands and waters, reinstating a ban on crude oil ex-
17 ports, and releasing petroleum products from the
18 Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

19 (7) a plan to address rising energy prices in the
20 United States that—

21 (A) considers all energy sources; and

22 (B) includes regulatory reforms and other
23 Federal actions to—

24 (i) reduce the energy burden of house-
25 holds, including the high energy burden

1 that minority and low-income families dis-
2 proportionately face;

3 (ii) streamline the permitting process
4 for, and delivery of, energy projects; and

5 (iii) ensure the energy independence
6 of the United States.

7 (b) FORECASTS.—

8 (1) MONTHLY UPDATES.—Not later than 1
9 month after the date of enactment of this Act, and
10 monthly thereafter, the President shall provide to
11 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
12 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
13 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate forecasts,
14 for the next 6 months and the next 12 months,
15 for—

16 (A) residential energy price trends;

17 (B) impacts of energy prices on low-income
18 households; and

19 (C) actions by Federal agencies to mitigate
20 energy price increases, including actions to
21 identify and address energy supply shortages.

22 (2) COMPARISON INCLUDED.—In carrying out
23 paragraph (1), the President shall provide—

24 (A) forecasts using current Federal policies
25 and laws; and

1 (B) a description of the potential impacts
2 on such forecasts if proposed Federal policies
3 and legislation, including international climate
4 commitments submitted by the United States,
5 are implemented or enacted.

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