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H. R. 9025

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use certain previously completed environmental assessments and environmental impact statements to satisfy the review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Mr. WESTERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Determination of
5 NEPA Adequacy Streamlining Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL**
2 **POLICY ACT ADEQUACY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned shall use
4 previously completed environmental assessments and envi-
5 ronmental impact statements to satisfy the requirements
6 of section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act
7 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) with respect to any proposed
8 transmission project, any proposed project to construct,
9 connect, operate, or maintain a pipeline facility to trans-
10 port an energy resource, hydrogen, carbon dioxide, or nat-
11 ural gas, or any proposed project to construct or maintain
12 a renewable energy facility if such Secretary determines
13 that—

14 (1) the new proposed action is substantially the
15 same as a previously analyzed proposed action or al-
16 ternative analyzed in a previous environmental as-
17 sessment or environmental impact statement; and

18 (2) the effects of the proposed action are sub-
19 stantially the same as the effects analyzed in such
20 existing environmental assessments or environmental
21 impact statements.

22 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY.—The term
24 “renewable energy facility” means any equipment or
25 facility that produces electricity from a renewable
26 energy resource, including wind, solar, tidal, bio-

1 mass, landfill gas, geothermal, methane, hydrogen,
2 or water.

3 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
4 retary concerned” means—

5 (A) with respect to public lands, the Sec-
6 retary of the Interior; and

7 (B) with respect to National Forest Sys-
8 tem Lands, the Secretary of Agriculture.

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