

# H. R.4

To prioritize United States energy independence and cut down on gas prices, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

October 22, 2022

*Be it enacted by the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States of America in Congress assembled —*

Mr. NIXON MCAFFEE (For himself, Mr. LEMAIRE, Mr. ROSS, Mr. JOHNSON)  
introduced the following,

## A BILL

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- (a) This act may be cited as the “American Energy Independence Act of 2022.”

### SEC. 2. POLICY.

- (a) It shall hereby be the policy of the United States of America—
- (i) to secure energy independence;
  - (ii) to provide the people of the United States with stable, affordable, and reliable energy prices, including gasoline, diesel, electricity, natural gas, and propane;

### SEC. 3. PRIORITIZATION OF UNITED STATES ENERGY INDEPENDENCE.

- (a) PRESIDENT.— The President shall—
- (i) Immediately direct and authorize the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize United States energy independence; and
  - (ii) not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, develop and submit to Congress, and make publicly available, a plan for the United States to achieve energy independence by 2025.

- (b) SECRETARY OF ENERGY.— The SOE shall, not later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act—
  - (i) develop a program, promulgate rules, and issue guidance to ensure that the United States is—
    - (1) energy independent by 2025; and
    - (2) a net exporter of energy.
- (c) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.— The SOD shall, not later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act—
  - (i) submit to Congress and make publicly available a report reviewing the national security implications of the dependence of the United States on any foreign energy exports.
- (d) SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.— The SOT shall, not later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act—
  - (i) conduct a review of all existing programs of the Department of Transportation relating to transportation prices in the United States and develop and submit to Congress, and make publicly available, a plan for the stability of transportation prices and the affordability of it.
- (e) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR.— The EPA Admin. shall, not later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act—
  - (i) identify and repeal any regulations promulgated by the EPA during the 15-year period preceding the date of enactment of this Act that have the intent or effect of substantially reducing the energy independence of the United States and the increasing of energy costs for consumers in the United States.

#### **SEC. 4. KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE.**

- (a) AUTHORIZATION.—TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. may construct, connect, operate, and maintain the pipeline facilities at the international border of the United States and Canada at Phillips County, Montana, for the import of oil from Canada to the United States as described in (84 Fed. Reg. 13101 (April 3, 2019)).

#### **SEC. 5. REPORT**

- (a) Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the office of the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report that—
  - (i) describes the status of United States dependence on foreign countries for energy needs;
  - (ii) describes the compliance of applicable Federal agencies with this Act; and
  - (iii) evaluates the effect of that compliance on United States energy independence; and
  - (iv) evaluates the stability and affordability of energy prices for the United States.