

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 8
OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

At the end of subtitle A of title I, insert the following:

1 SEC. 11 ____. NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY.

2 Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717f)
3 is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(i) PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW.—

5 “(1) REQUEST BY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIAL.—

6 At any time before the commencement of construc-
7 tion of a pipeline or segment of a pipeline for the
8 transportation of natural gas, if the chief public
9 safety official of the State or tribal government with-
10 in the borders of which the pipeline or segment is
11 to be located has reason to believe the pipeline or
12 segment poses a public safety threat, such official
13 may file a notice with the Commission requesting a
14 public safety review of the proposed location of the
15 pipeline or segment be conducted in accordance with
16 paragraph (2).

1 “(2) REVIEW.—If the Commission receives a
2 request for a public safety review under this sub-
3 section, the Commission shall—

4 “(A) transmit such request to the Sec-
5 retary of Transportation, and the Secretary,
6 acting through the Administrator of the Pipe-
7 line and Hazardous Materials Safety Adminis-
8 tration, shall conduct a review of the public
9 safety implications of the proposed location of
10 the pipeline or segment, including a determina-
11 tion regarding whether constructing the pipeline
12 or segment at the proposed location would re-
13 sult in a public safety threat, which shall be
14 completed not later than the date that is 90
15 days after the date on which the Commission
16 received the request; and

17 “(B) suspend, or require the suspension of,
18 any ongoing activity relating to the pipeline or
19 segment, including the tolling of any applicable
20 deadlines related to such activity, until the date
21 on which the review is completed.

22 “(3) RESULT OF REVIEW.—If a review con-
23 ducted under paragraph (2) results in a determina-
24 tion that constructing the pipeline or segment at the

1 proposed location would result in a public safety
2 threat, the Commission shall—

3 “(A) in the case of a pipeline or segment
4 with respect to which a certificate of public con-
5 venience and necessity has not been issued, re-
6 move such proposed location from consideration
7 during any further proceeding relating to a cer-
8 tificate of public convenience and necessity with
9 respect to such pipeline or segment; and

10 “(B) in the case of a pipeline or segment
11 with respect to which a certificate of public con-
12 venience and necessity has been issued, modify
13 the certificate so as to remove any approval
14 with respect to such location.”.

