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:

SEC. 11. NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY.

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

“(i) PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW.—

“(1) REQUEST BY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIAL.—

At any time before the commencement of construction of a pipeline or segment of a pipeline for the transportation of natural gas, if the chief public safety official of the State or tribal government within the borders of which the pipeline or segment is to be located has reason to believe the pipeline or segment poses a public safety threat, such official may file a notice with the Commission requesting a public safety review of the proposed location of the pipeline or segment be conducted in accordance with paragraph (2).
“(2) REVIEW.—If the Commission receives a request for a public safety review under this subsection, the Commission shall—

“(A) transmit such request to the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, shall conduct a review of the public safety implications of the proposed location of the pipeline or segment, including a determination regarding whether constructing the pipeline or segment at the proposed location would result in a public safety threat, which shall be completed not later than the date that is 90 days after the date on which the Commission received the request; and

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

“(3) RESULT OF REVIEW.—If a review conducted under paragraph (2) results in a determination that constructing the pipeline or segment at the
proposed location would result in a public safety threat, the Commission shall—

“(A) in the case of a pipeline or segment with respect to which a certificate of public convenience and necessity has not been issued, remove such proposed location from consideration during any further proceeding relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity with respect to such pipeline or segment; and

“(B) in the case of a pipeline or segment with respect to which a certificate of public convenience and necessity has been issued, modify the certificate so as to remove any approval with respect to such location.”.

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