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H. R. 3380

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 2001

Mr. JENKINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

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. PERMITS FOR EXISTING NATURAL GAS PIPE-**
4 **LINES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may
6 issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines that
7 exist as of September 1, 2001, within the boundary of
8 Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

1 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A permit issued
2 under subsection (a) shall be—

3 (1) issued consistent with laws and regulations
4 generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within
5 units of the National Park System; and

6 (2) subject to any terms and conditions that the
7 Secretary deems necessary.

8 **SEC. 2. PERMITS FOR PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may
10 issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within
11 the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park
12 that are proposed to be constructed across the following:

13 (1) The Foothills Parkway.

14 (2) The Foothills Parkway Spur between Pi-
15 geon Forge and Gatlinburg.

16 (3) The Gatlinburg Bypass.

17 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A permit issued
18 under subsection (a) shall be—

19 (1) issued consistent with laws and regulations
20 generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within
21 units of the National Park System; and

22 (2) subject to any terms and conditions that the
23 Secretary deems necessary, including—

1 (A) provisions for the protection and res-
2 toration of park resources that are disturbed by
3 pipeline construction; and

4 (B) assurances that construction and oper-
5 ation of the pipeline will not adversely affect
6 Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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