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H. R. 244

To provide for the security of critical energy infrastructure.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To provide for the security of critical energy infrastructure.

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. EVACUATION PLAN REVIEW.**

4 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall transmit to the
6 Congress a report of the Secretary's review of the fuel sup-
7 ply plan components of State evacuation plans and the
8 National Capitol region. Such report shall determine the
9 sufficiency of such plans, and shall include recommenda-
10 tions for improvements thereto. Annually after the trans-
11 mittal of a report under this section, the Secretary shall

1 transmit a report to the Congress assessing plans found
2 insufficient under previous reports.

3 **SEC. 2. DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—During any federally declared
5 emergency or disaster, the Secretary of Energy may pro-
6 vide direct assistance to private sector entities that oper-
7 ate critical energy infrastructure, including refineries.

8 (b) **ASSISTANCE.**—Assistance under this section may
9 include emergency preparation and recovery assistance, in-
10 cluding power generation equipment, other protective or
11 emergency recovery equipment, assistance to restore ac-
12 cess to water, power, or other raw materials, and transpor-
13 tation and housing for critical employees. The Secretary
14 may request assistance from other Federal agencies in
15 carrying out this section.

16 **SEC. 3. CRITICAL ENERGY ASSURANCE ACCOUNT.**

17 There is established in the Treasury an account
18 known as the Critical Energy Assurance Account. The
19 Secretary of Energy shall deposit into this account
20 amounts appropriated to the Secretary for the purpose of
21 carrying out this Act and payments paid to the Secretary
22 by any non-Federal source for the purpose of carrying out
23 this Act. The Secretary may receive and accept payments
24 from any non-Federal source, and amounts deposited into
25 the account, whether appropriated or received from a non-

1 Federal source, shall be available to the Secretary, without
2 further appropriation, for carrying out this Act.

3 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

4 The Secretary of Energy may issue regulations nec-
5 essary or appropriate to carry out this Act.

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