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H. R. 3823

To provide for direct hire authority for positions in the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2015

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. OLSON, Ms. HAHN, and Mr. BABIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY FOR PIPELINE AND**
4 **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINIS-**
5 **TRATION.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Administrator of the Pipeline
7 and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration may ap-

1 point qualified candidates to positions described in sub-
2 section (b) without regard to sections 3309 through 3319
3 of title 5, United States Code.

4 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The authority under subsection
5 (a) applies with respect to candidates for any position that
6 would likely allow increased activities relating to pipeline
7 safety, as determined by the Administrator.

8 (c) EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—As used in this section,
9 the term “employee” has the meaning given such term in
10 section 2105 of title 5, United States Code.

11 (d) TERMINATION.—The authority to make appoint-
12 ments under this section shall not be available after De-
13 cember 31, 2017.

14 **SEC. 2. REPORT.**

15 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
16 of this Act, and annually thereafter through calendar year
17 2017, the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous
18 Materials Safety Administration shall submit to Congress
19 a report on efforts of the Administration to hire women,
20 minorities, and veterans as inspectors since January 1,
21 2012.

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