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H. R. 3941

To provide for emergency preparedness for energy supply disruptions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To provide for emergency preparedness for energy supply
disruptions.

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. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR ENERGY**
4 **SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS.**

5 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that recent natural
6 disasters have underscored the importance of having resil-
7 ient oil and natural gas infrastructure and effective ways
8 for industry and government to communicate to address
9 energy supply disruptions.

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION FOR ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE
11 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR NATURAL DISAS-

1 TERS.—The Secretary of Energy shall develop and adopt
2 procedures to—

3 (1) improve communication and coordination
4 between the Department of Energy’s energy re-
5 sponse team, Federal partners, and industry;

6 (2) leverage the Energy Information Adminis-
7 tration’s subject matter expertise within the Depart-
8 ment’s energy response team to improve supply
9 chain situation assessments;

10 (3) establish company liaisons and direct com-
11 munication with the Department’s energy response
12 team to improve situation assessments;

13 (4) streamline and enhance processes for ob-
14 taining temporary regulatory relief to speed up
15 emergency response and recovery;

16 (5) facilitate and increase engagement among
17 States, the oil and natural gas industry, and the De-
18 partment in developing State and local energy assur-
19 ance plans;

20 (6) establish routine education and training
21 programs for key government emergency response
22 positions with the Department and States; and

23 (7) involve States and the oil and natural gas
24 industry in comprehensive drill and exercise pro-
25 grams.

1 (c) COOPERATION.—The activities carried out under
2 subsection (b) shall include collaborative efforts with State
3 and local government officials and the private sector.

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall
6 submit to Congress a report describing the effectiveness
7 of the activities authorized under this section.

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