

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4971

To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a criminal penalty for recklessly damaging or destroying certain pipeline facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2016

Ms. SPEIER (for herself and Ms. HAHN) 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 the Judiciary, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prosecuting Irrespon-
5 sible Pipeline Explosions Act of 2016” or the “PIPE Act
6 of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR DAMAGING OR DESTROY-**
2 **ING CERTAIN PIPELINE FACILITIES.**

3 Section 60123 of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b) by inserting “or reck-
6 lessly” after “knowingly and willfully”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(e) RECKLESS VIOLATIONS.—For purposes of this
9 section, a person acts recklessly when the person displays
10 a deliberate indifference or conscious disregard to the con-
11 sequences of that person’s conduct.”.

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