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H. R. 6011

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15 (legislative day, APRIL 10), 2024

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Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to notify applicants of the completion status of right-of-way applications under section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Right-Of-Way Applica-
3 tion Transparency and Accountability Act” or the
4 “ROWATA Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION REGARDING RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

6 (a) NOTICE.—Not later than 90 days after the Sec-
7 retary concerned receives an application to grant a right-
8 of-way, the Secretary concerned shall—

9 (1) notify the applicant as to whether the appli-
10 cation is complete; or

11 (2) notify the applicant that information is
12 missing and specify any information that is required
13 to be submitted for the application to be complete.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

15 (1) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—The term “right-of-way”
16 means—

17 (A) a right-of-way issued, granted, or re-
18 newed under section 501 of the Federal Land
19 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
20 1761); or

21 (B) a right-of-way granted under section
22 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 185).

23 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
24 retary concerned” means—

25 (A) with respect to public lands, the Sec-
26 retary of the Interior; and

- 1 (B) with respect to National Forest Sys-
- 2 tem lands, the Secretary of Agriculture.

Passed the House of Representatives April 11, 2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.