

## Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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## **September 17, 2025**

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met at 10:00 a.m. on September 17, 2025, in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building, pursuant to notice, in an open session, with a quorum present, and considered the following items:

- An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (ANS) to H.R. 4183, the *Federal Maritime Commission Reauthorization Act of 2025*;
- ANS to H.R. 3962, the Enhancing Science, Treatment, and Upkeep of America's Resilient and Important Estuarine Systems (ESTUARIES) Act;
- ANS to H.R. 5301, the *Promoting Innovation in Pipeline Efficiency and Safety (PIPES) Act of 2025*; and
- Other matters cleared for consideration

The Committee took the following actions:

**H.R. 4183**, the *Federal Maritime Commission Reauthorization Act of 2025*. The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4183 on September 17, 2025. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendment was offered:

- An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 4183, offered by Mr. Johnson of South Dakota; was AGREED TO by voice vote.
- H.R. 3962, the Enhancing Science, Treatment, and Upkeep of America's Resilient and Important Estuarine Systems (ESTUARIES) Act. The Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3962

on September 17, 2025. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by a recorded vote of 57 Yeas and 2 Nays (RC#65).

## The vote was as follows:

Vote: 65		Measure: H.R. 3962	
On: final passage, as amended			
Yea	57	Nay	2
Present	0	Not Voting	8

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. Graves of MO	Y	Mr. Larsen of WA	Y
Mr. Crawford	Y	Ms. Norton	Y
Mr. Webster of FL	Y	Mr. Nadler	Y
Mr. Massie		Mr. Garamendi	Y
Mr. Perry	N	Mr. Johnson of GA	Y
Mr. Babin	Y	Mr. Carson	Y
Mr. Rouzer	Y	Ms. Titus	
Mr. Bost	Y	Mr. Huffman	Y
Mr. LaMalfa		Ms. Brownley	Y
Mr. Westerman	Y	Ms. Wilson of FL	Y
Mr. Mast	Y	Mr. DeSaulnier	Y
Mr. Stauber	Y	Mr. Carbajal	Y
Mr. Burchett	Y	Mr. Stanton	Y
Mr. Johnson of SD	Y	Ms. Davids of KS	Y
Mr. Van Drew	Y	Mr. García of IL	Y
Mr. Nehls	Y	Mr. Pappas	Y
Mr. Mann	Y	Mr. Moulton	
Mr. Owens	Y	Ms. Strickland	Y
Mr. Burlison	N	Mr. Ryan	Y
Mr. Collins	Y	Ms. Hoyle of OR	Y
Mr. Ezell	Y	Mrs. Sykes	Y
Mr. Kiley		Ms. Scholten	Y
Mr. Fong	Y	Mrs. Foushee	Y
Mr. Wied	Y	Mr. Deluzio	Y
Mr. Barrett		Mr. Garcia of CA	Y
Mr. Begich	Y	Ms. Pou	Y
Mr. Bresnahan	Y	Ms. McDonald Rivet	Y
Mr. Hurd	Y	Ms. Friedman	Y

Mr. Shreve	Y	Ms. Gillen	
Mr. McDowell	Y	Mr. Figures	Y
Mr. Taylor	Y	Mr. Frost	Y
Mr. Knott			
Ms. King-Hinds	Y		
Mr. Kennedy	Y		
Mr. Onder	Y		
Mr. Patronis	Y		

The following amendment was offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3962, offered by Mr. Figures of Alabama; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

**H.R. 5301**, the *Promoting Innovation in Pipeline Efficiency and Safety (PIPES) Act of 2025*. The Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5301 on September 17, 2025. The legislation was AGREED TO and ordered to be favorably reported to the House, as amended, by voice vote.

The following amendments were offered:

An Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5301, offered by Chairman Graves of Missouri; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

A Manager's Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5301, offered by Chairman Graves of Missouri: Page 11, line 21, insert ", specifically to the extent to which completing the project without such assistance would require the utility to assume additional debt or seek increases in customer energy rates that would impose a significant financial burden on such customers" before the semicolon. Page 11, beginning on line 22, strike "reduce monetary losses to the utility by". Page 11, line 23, strike "improving" and insert "improve". Page 11, line 24, strike "reducing" and insert "reduce". Page 12, line 1, strike "reducing" and insert "reduce". Page 24, beginning on line 20, strike "Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the" and insert "The". Page 25, beginning on line 11, strike "Prior to publication of" and insert "Upon an update to". Page 26, line 5, strike "and". Page 26, line 7, strike the period and insert "; and". Page 26, after line 7, insert the following: "(7) a listing of the State or States unable to provide the information in paragraphs (1) through (6) and a description of why such State or States do not collect or cannot report such information and why the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration does not require such States to produce such information." Page 74, line 5, strike "clause" and insert "clauses". Page 74, line 6, strike "clause" and insert "clauses". Page 85, line 19, strike "and title 49" and insert "of title 49". Page 97, line 13, strike "and". Page 97, after line 17, insert the following: "(D) the impact on the local economy of closing roads, bridges, and other transportation systems; and". Page 106, after line 2, insert the following: SEC. 33. INSPECTION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY. Section 60108 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "(f) INSPECTION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—(1) IN GENERAL.—In requiring each owner or operator to inspect the surface conditions on or adjacent to each pipeline right-of-way, the Secretary may allow use of unmanned aircraft systems and satellites provided such use will maintain an equivalent level of safety compared to other allowed inspection methods and provided the operators of such systems demonstrate that such systems provide

comparable information and imaging quality to other approved inspection methods for the related type of inspection activity required in this section. (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to affect the obligation of an owner or operator of an unmanned aircraft system or satellite to operate such system in accordance with laws and regulations regarding unmanned aircraft system or satellite use, including the requirements of section 44811."; was AGREED TO by voice vote.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5301, offered by Mr. Perry of Pennsylvania (Perry 159): Strike section 25 of the bill.; was NOT AGREED TO by a recorded vote of 5 Yeas and 54 Nays (RC#66).

The vote was as follows:

Vote: 66		Measure: H.R. 5301	
On: Perry amdt no. 159			
Yea	5	Nay	54
Present	0	Not Voting	8
Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Mr. Graves of MO	N	Mr. Larsen of WA	N
Mr. Crawford	N	Ms. Norton	N
Mr. Webster of FL	N	Mr. Nadler	N
Mr. Massie		Mr. Garamendi	N
Mr. Perry	Y	Mr. Johnson of GA	N
Mr. Babin	N	Mr. Carson	N
Mr. Rouzer	N	Ms. Titus	
Mr. Bost	N	Mr. Huffman	N
Mr. LaMalfa		Ms. Brownley	N
Mr. Westerman	N	Ms. Wilson of FL	N
Mr. Mast	N	Mr. DeSaulnier	N
Mr. Stauber	N	Mr. Carbajal	N
Mr. Burchett	Y	Mr. Stanton	N
Mr. Johnson of SD	Y	Ms. Davids of KS	N
Mr. Van Drew	N	Mr. García of IL	N
Mr. Nehls	N	Mr. Pappas	N
Mr. Mann	N	Mr. Moulton	
Mr. Owens	N	Ms. Strickland	N
Mr. Burlison	Y	Mr. Ryan	N
Mr. Collins	N	Ms. Hoyle of OR	N
Mr. Ezell	N	Mrs. Sykes	N
Mr. Kiley		Ms. Scholten	N

Mr. Fong	N	Mrs. Foushee	N
Mr. Wied	N	Mr. Deluzio	N
Mr. Barrett		Mr. Garcia of CA	N
Mr. Begich	Y	Ms. Pou	N
Mr. Bresnahan	N	Ms. McDonald Rivet	N
Mr. Hurd	N	Ms. Friedman	N
Mr. Shreve	N	Ms. Gillen	
Mr. McDowell	N	Mr. Figures	N
Mr. Taylor	N	Mr. Frost	N
Mr. Knott			
Ms. King-Hinds	N		
Mr. Kennedy	N		
Mr. Onder	N		
Mr. Patronis	N		

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5301, offered by Ms. Scholten of Michigan (Scholten 047): Add at the end the following: SEC. 33. STUDY ON SAFETY OF ENBRIDGE ENERGY LINE 5 PIPELINE. (a) IN GENERAL. – The Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration shall conduct a study on – (1) the safety of the Enbridge Energy Line 5 pipeline; and (2) any potential impacts of such pipeline on the water quality and shipping operations of the Straits of Mackinac, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron. (b) REPORT. – Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).; was WITHDRAWN.

An Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 5301, offered by Mr. Fong of California (Fong 026): Page 14, after line 10, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent paragraphs accordingly): (4) in paragraph (21) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following: "(B) does not include – "(i) gathering gas (except through regulated gathering lines) in a rural area outside a populated area designated by the Secretary as a nonrural area; or "(ii) the movement of gas through a piping system for use at a plant, including for use as fuel or feedstock, if the piping system is – "(I) an in-plant piping system that is located entirely within the boundary of the facility; or "(II) a transfer piping system that extends less than 1 mile in length outside the boundaries of the facility,".; was WITHDRAWN.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that H.R. 4183, as amended, H.R. 3962, as amended, and H.R. 5301, as amended, be reported as a single Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute incorporating any amendments adopted; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that staff be authorized to make all necessary technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to H.R. 4183, as amended, H.R. 3962, as amended, and H.R. 5301, as amended; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

- A motion by Mr. Graves of Missouri that, pursuant to Rule XXII, clause 1, the Committee authorizes the Chairman, or designee, to offer such motions as may be necessary in the House to go to conference with the Senate on H.R. 4183, as amended, H.R. 3962, as amended, and H.R. 5301, as amended; was NOT OBJECTED TO.
- A unanimous consent request by Mr. Graves of Missouri that, the Chairman, after consultation with the Ranking Member, has authority to strike or revise any provision of the bills ordered reported today that would cause a sequential referral to another committee, or that would cause the bills to concurrent resolutions to be subject to a Budget Act or a Rule 21 CUTGO point of order; was NOT OBJECTED TO.
- Pursuant to Rule XI clause 2(1), of the Rules of the House of Representative, the Chairman notes that Members may have two calendar days in which to file any supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views on H.R. 4183, as amended, H.R. 3962, as amended, and H.R. 5301, as amended; was NOT OBJECTED TO.

Pursuant to Rule 6 of the Rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Chairman noted the presence of a quorum for actions taken on all Committee business today.

