

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 2606, with An  
Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a  
new text)**

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2606

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2011

Mr. GRIMM (for himself and Mr. MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “New York City Natural  
5 Gas Supply Enhancement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means an en-  
4 tity holding a permit issued under this Act.

5 (2) LEASE.—The term “lease” means an agree-  
6 ment that authorizes the occupancy and use of cer-  
7 tain designated premises for facilities associated  
8 with the project, particularly a meter and regulating  
9 station.

10 (3) NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FACILITIES.—The  
11 term “natural gas pipeline facilities” means pipeline  
12 and related equipment necessary for the trans-  
13 mission and distribution of natural gas, such as me-  
14 ters and heating and pressure-regulating devices  
15 used in the transportation of natural gas.

16 (4) PERMIT.—The term “permit” means any  
17 permits, rights-of-way, or any other authorizations  
18 necessary for the Secretary to authorize the con-  
19 struction, operation, and maintenance of natural gas  
20 pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recre-  
21 ation Area.

22 (5) PROJECT.—The term “project” means the  
23 natural gas pipeline facilities within Gateway Na-  
24 tional Recreation Area, including the meter and reg-  
25 ulating station to be located at Floyd Bennett Field,  
26 that are part of the Rockaway Delivery Lateral/

1 Brooklyn Queens Interconnect Project, as further  
2 described in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
3 (FERC) Docket No. PF09–8, and including author-  
4 ized revisions to the project.

5 (6) RENT.—The term “rent” means any pay-  
6 ment to the Secretary pursuant to a lease for occu-  
7 pancy and use of designated premises to be made in  
8 such a manner and at such intervals as determined  
9 by the Secretary.

10 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
12 rector of the National Park Service.

13 **SEC. 3. PERMITTING INSTRUMENTS FOR NATURAL GAS**  
14 **PIPELINE FACILITIES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue permits  
16 to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance  
17 of natural gas pipeline facilities, as provided by the  
18 project, within Gateway National Recreation Area.

19 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

20 (1) Any rights-of-way or other permits issued  
21 for the natural gas pipeline facilities under this sec-  
22 tion shall be consistent with the laws and regulations  
23 generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within  
24 units of the National Park System.

1           (2) Any permits issued under this section for  
2           the natural gas pipeline facilities shall be subject to  
3           such terms and conditions the Secretary deems ap-  
4           propriate.

5           (3) The Secretary shall charge a fee for any  
6           permits issued under this section. The fees shall be  
7           based on fair market value and shall also include  
8           costs incurred by the National Park Service in proc-  
9           essing a request for a permit; issuing a permit, if  
10          appropriate; and monitoring the permitted activities.

11          (4) Any permits issued under this section shall  
12          be for a term of 10 years, subject to renewal with  
13          any changes to its terms and conditions mutually  
14          agreed upon.

15          (c) ENFORCEMENT.—Failure to comply with, or a  
16          violation of, any term or condition of a permit may result  
17          in a citation, or fine, or the suspension or revocation of  
18          authorization to conduct the permitted activity.

19          **SEC. 4. LEASE OF BUILDINGS.**

20          The Secretary may enter into a non-competitive lease  
21          with any entity to allow the occupancy and use of buildings  
22          and associated properties on Floyd Bennett Field to house  
23          facilities associated with the project, particularly a meter  
24          and regulating station. Such lease shall—

1           (1) otherwise be subject to National Park Serv-  
2           ice leasing regulations;

3           (2) provide for the restoration and maintenance  
4           of the buildings and associated properties in accord-  
5           ance with the Secretary of the Interior's Treatment  
6           Standards for Historic Property (36 CFR Part 68),  
7           section 106 of the National Historic Preservation  
8           Act (36 CFR 800), and any programmatic agree-  
9           ments;

10          (3) provide for appropriate rent for occupancy  
11          and use of the property representing, at minimum  
12          but not limited to, fair market value; and

13          (4) provide for monetary penalties for violations  
14          of the lease.

15 **SEC. 5. FEES AND RENT.**

16          (a) FEES.—The Secretary shall retain the portion of  
17          any fee assessed under section 3(b)(3) that is equal to the  
18          costs incurred in processing and issuing the permit re-  
19          quest and monitoring the permitted activities, and the bal-  
20          ance of the fee shall be deposited in the Treasury of the  
21          United States.

22          (b) RENT.—Any rent collected pursuant to section 4  
23          shall be deposited in a special account in the Treasury  
24          of the United States in accordance with section 3(k)(5)  
25          of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-2(k)(5)) and shall

1 be available to the Secretary, without further appropria-  
2 tion and without fiscal year limitation, for infrastructure  
3 needs, resource protection, and visitor services at the  
4 Gateway National Recreation Area.