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[Report No. 119-]

To require certain meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority to be transparent and open to the public, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Mr. BURCHETT (for himself and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

APRIL --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 14, 2025]

A BILL

To require certain meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority to be transparent and open to the public, and for other purposes.

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 “Tennessee Valley Author-*
5 *ity Transparency Act of 2025”.*

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSPARENCY AND AVAILABILITY OF MEETINGS.**

7 *Section 2(g)(2) of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act*
8 *of 1933 is amended to read as follows:*

9 “(2) *MEETINGS.*—

10 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Board shall meet*
11 *at least 4 times each year.*

12 “(B) *TRANSPARENCY.*—

13 “(i) *OPEN MEETINGS.*—*For purposes of*
14 *applying the requirements of section 552b of*
15 *title 5, United States Code, to the Board,*
16 *the term ‘meeting’ shall include all delibera-*
17 *tions of the members of the Board, a com-*
18 *mittee of the Board, and a subcommittee of*
19 *the Board, including any such deliberations*
20 *that are not scheduled for the purpose of*
21 *taking an action that will determine or re-*
22 *sult in the joint conduct or disposition of of-*
23 *ficial business of the Corporation, notwith-*
24 *standing subsection (a)(2) of such section.*

25 “(ii) *NOTICE OF MEETINGS.*—

1 “(I) *PUBLICATION.*—For purposes
2 of section 552b of title 5, United States
3 Code, public announcement of meetings
4 shall include publication on the website
5 of the Board.

6 “(II) *EMERGENCY MEETINGS.*—
7 Notwithstanding section 552b(e)(1) of
8 title 5, United States Code, the require-
9 ment to make public announcement at
10 least one week prior to a meeting shall
11 not apply if the chairman of the Board
12 designates the meeting as an emergency
13 special meeting.

14 “(iii) *PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMA-*
15 *TION.*—The Board shall publish on the
16 website of the Board any information re-
17 quired to be disclosed or made available to
18 the public, or publicly certified, under sec-
19 tion 552b of title 5, United States Code.

20 “(iv) *EXEMPTIONS.*—For purposes of
21 applying section 552b of title 5, United
22 States Code, to any portion of a meeting of
23 the Board, and to any information per-
24 taining to such portion of a meeting, the
25 Board may make a determination in ac-

1 *cordance with such section not to disclose to*
2 *the public under such section the following*
3 *information:*

4 *“(I) Information containing or re-*
5 *lating to power availability requests.*

6 *“(II) Information containing or*
7 *relating to contract negotiations, in-*
8 *cluding labor relations and procure-*
9 *ment actions, the disclosure of which*
10 *would imperil or compromise the com-*
11 *petitive position of the Corporation.”.*