



The Committee on Energy and Commerce

Memorandum

April 4, 2014

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Energy and Power

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

RE: Subcommittee Markup of H.R. 6, Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act

The Subcommittee on Energy and Power will meet in open markup session on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building for opening statements on H.R. 6, Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act.

The Subcommittee will reconvene on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building in open markup session on the legislation. A summary of the legislation to be considered is below.

In keeping with Chairman Upton's announced policy, Members must submit, by email to peter.kiely@mail.house.gov, any amendments they may have at least two hours before they are offered during this markup. Any information with respect to an amendment's parliamentary standing (e.g., its germaneness) should be submitted at this time as well.

I. H.R. 6, Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act

On March 6, 2014, Rep. Cory Gardner (R-CO) introduced H.R. 6, Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act. On March 25, 2014, the Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the bill. Specific provisions include the following:

Section 1: Short Title

Section 1 provides the short title of "Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act."

Section 2: Regulatory Approval of Natural Gas Pipeline Projects

Section 2 amends subsection 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) by striking "a nation which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas" and inserting "a World Trade Organization member nation." The term "World Trade Organization member nation" has the same meaning as the terms "WTO member" and "WTO member country," which are defined in section 2(10) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3501(10)) as "a state, or separate customs territory (within the meaning of Article XII of the WTO Agreement), with respect to which the United States applies the WTO Agreement."

Section 3: Pending Applications

Section 3 provides that any application for authorization to export natural gas under section 3 of the NGA for which a notice has been published in the Federal Register before March 6, 2014, shall be granted without modification or delay.

II. Staff Contacts

If you have questions regarding H.R. 6, please contact Tom Hassenboehler or Jason Knox at (202) 225-2927.