

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
H.R. _____
(PIPELINE SAFETY, MODERNIZATION, AND
EXPANSION ACT OF 2023)
OFFERED BY MR. WEBER OF TEXAS**

Insert at the appropriate place the following (and
make such conforming changes as may be necessary):

1 **SEC. ____ . LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS REGULATORY COORDI-**
2 **NATION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—The Secretary
4 of Transportation shall establish and convene a Liquefied
5 Natural Gas Regulatory Safety Working Group through
6 the National Center of Excellence for Liquefied Natural
7 Gas Safety to clarify the authority of covered agencies in
8 the authorizing and oversight of LNG facilities, other than
9 peak shaving facilities, and improve coordination of the
10 authority of such agencies.

11 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Working Group shall
13 consist of representatives of covered agencies des-
14 ignated by the Secretary of Transportation or the
15 head of a covered agency.

1 (2) CHAIR.—The Administrator of the Pipeline
2 and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, or
3 a designee of the Administrator, shall serve as the
4 Chair of the Working Group, unless another member
5 of the Working Group is selected by unanimous con-
6 sent of the members of the Working Group.

7 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAIR.—The Chair
8 of the Working Group shall establish an agenda and
9 schedule for the Working Group to accomplish the
10 requirements described in subsection (c).

11 (c) EVALUATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Working Group shall
13 evaluate the authorities of each covered agency per-
14 taining to the siting and design, construction, oper-
15 ation and maintenance, and operational and process
16 safety regulations of LNG facilities.

17 (2) NEGOTIATION.—The Working Group shall
18 negotiate the terms of agreements or memorandums
19 between each covered agency pursuant to subsection
20 (d) to establish procedures for—

21 (A) the application of the respective au-
22 thorities of each Federal agency in a manner
23 that ensures, through effective regulation, that
24 LNG facilities are safe and in the public inter-
25 est;

1 (B) resolving conflicts concerning overlap-
2 ping jurisdiction among the covered agencies;
3 and

4 (C) avoiding, to the extent possible and if
5 appropriate, conflicting or duplicative regula-
6 tion, inspection protocols, and reporting obliga-
7 tions between the covered agencies.

8 (d) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS AND MEMORAN-
9 DUMS OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later than 2 years after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the covered agencies
11 shall enter into interagency agreements or memorandums
12 of understanding with respect to best practices and indi-
13 vidual agency safety oversight and enforcement respon-
14 sibilities regarding LNG facilities, other than peak shav-
15 ing facilities.

16 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
17 after the date on which the covered agencies enter into
18 agreements or memorandums under subsection (d), the
19 Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Com-
20 mittee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on
21 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
23 and Transportation of the Senate a report on such agree-
24 ments or memorandums entered into and how such agree-
25 ments or memorandums have contributed to the improved

1 safety and enforcement oversight coordination of LNG fa-
2 cilities.

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COVERED AGENCY.—The term “covered
5 agency” means each of the following:

6 (A) The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
7 Safety Administration.

8 (B) The Federal Energy Regulatory Com-
9 mission.

10 (C) The Department of Energy.

11 (D) The Occupational Safety and Health
12 Administration.

13 (E) The Coast Guard.

14 (2) LNG.—The term “LNG” means liquefied
15 natural gas.

16 (3) WORKING GROUP.—The term “Working
17 Group” means the Liquefied Natural Gas Regu-
18 latory Safety Working Group established under sub-
19 section (a).

