

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6011

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to notify applicants of the completion status of right-of-way applications under section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 20, 2023

Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Mr. NEWHOUSE) introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Right-Of-Way Applica-
3 tion Transparency and Accountability Act” or the
4 “ROWATA Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DETERMINATION REGARDING RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**

6 (a) NOTICE.—Not later than 60 days after the Sec-
7 retary concerned receives an application to grant a right-
8 of-way, the Secretary concerned shall notify the applicant
9 as to whether the application is complete or deficient.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

11 (1) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—The term “right-of-way”
12 means—

13 (A) a right-of-way issued, granted, or re-
14 newed under section 501 of the Federal Land
15 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
16 1761); or

17 (B) a right-of-way granted under section
18 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 185).

19 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
20 retary concerned” means—

21 (A) with respect to public lands, the Sec-
22 retary of the Interior; and

23 (B) with respect to National Forest Sys-
24 tem lands, the Secretary of Agriculture.