

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6011

[Report No. 118-]

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

JANUARY --, 2024

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 20, 2023]

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 “Right-Of-Way Applica-*
5 *tion Transparency and Accountability Act” or the*
6 *“ROWATA Act”.*

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

8 *(a) NOTICE.—Not later than 90 days after the Sec-*
9 *retary concerned receives an application to grant a right-*
10 *of-way, the Secretary concerned shall—*

11 *(1) notify the applicant as to whether the appli-*
12 *cation is complete; or*

13 *(2) notify the applicant that information is*
14 *missing and specify any information that is required*
15 *to be submitted for the application to be complete.*

16 *(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:*

17 *(1) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—The term “right-of-way”*
18 *means—*

19 *(A) a right-of-way issued, granted, or re-*
20 *newed under section 501 of the Federal Land*
21 *Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.*
22 *1761); or*

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

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

3 (A) *with respect to public lands, the Sec-*
4 *retary of the Interior; and*

5 (B) *with respect to National Forest System*
6 *lands, the Secretary of Agriculture.*