Energy Distribution Act

S. 1220 adopts recommendations from the Quadrennial Energy Review to bolster international cooperation on energy security, shared infrastructure, and data collaboration.

Background

On April 15, 2015, the Obama Administration released its Quadrennial Energy Review (QER). It contained analysis and recommendations on many aspects of federal energy policy. This bill adopts several of the recommendations contained in the QER.

Key Provisions

- Directs the Secretary of Energy to improve the understanding of "energy security" across the federal government, drawing also from the President's National Security Strategy.
- Authorizes the Secretary to lead interagency efforts on "shared infrastructure" analysis and training related to cross-border energy projects.
- Authorizes a program requested by EIA to share data with Mexico and Canada on crossborder energy flows.