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S. 1220

To improve the distribution of energy in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To improve the distribution of energy in the United States.

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 “Energy Distribution
5 Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENERGY SECURITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy (referred
8 to in this Act as the “Secretary”)—

9 (1) shall collaborate with the heads of other
10 Federal agencies to improve the conceptual develop-
11 ment of energy security; and

1 (2) may consult with allies and key trading
2 partners of the United States with respect to energy
3 security issues resulting from changes in the energy
4 marketplace.

5 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—At a minimum, the Secretary
6 shall ensure that, as part of the collaboration required
7 under subsection (a)(1), the following are considered:

8 (1) The development of flexible, transparent,
9 and competitive energy markets, including natural
✓ 10 gas and oil markets;

11 (2) The diversification of energy fuels, sources,
✓ 12 and routes; *and*

13 (3) The encouragement of indigenous sources of
14 energy supply.

15 **SEC. 3. SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE.**

16 The Secretary shall lead an interagency effort to im-
17 prove and coordinate data collection and analytical and
18 modeling capabilities for energy distribution on shared en-
19 ergy infrastructure.

20 **SEC. 4. ENERGY MARKET INTEGRATION.**

21 The Secretary shall coordinate the training of, and
22 enhanced dialogue among, technical staff in applicable
23 Federal agencies that are responsible for evaluating and
24 implementing cross-border energy projects.

1 **SEC. 5. ENERGY DATA COLLABORATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Energy
3 Information Administration (referred to in this Act as the
4 “Administrator”) shall collaborate with the appropriate
5 officials in Canada and Mexico, as determined by the Ad-
6 ministrator, to improve—

7 (1) the quality and transparency of North
8 American energy data through reconciliation of data
9 on energy trade flows among the United States,
10 Canada, and Mexico;

11 (2) the extension of energy mapping capabilities
12 in the United States, Canada, and Mexico; and

13 (3) the development of common energy data
14 terminology among the United States, Canada, and
15 Mexico.

16 (b) PERIODIC UPDATES.—The Administrator shall
17 periodically inform the Committee on Energy and Natural
18 Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Energy
19 and Commerce of the House of Representatives regard-
20 ing—

21 (1) the extent to which energy data is being
22 shared under subsection (a); and

23 (2) whether forward-looking projections for re-
24 gional energy flows are improving in accuracy as a
25 result of the energy data sharing under that sub-
26 section.