

# Union Calendar No. 195

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3240

[Report No. 110-308]

To enhance availability of critical energy information.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2007

Mr. BOUCHER (for himself and Mr. DINGELL) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

AUGUST 3, 2007

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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## 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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds that—

5               (1) the Energy Information Administration's  
6       data is critical not merely for analysis of the role of  
7       energy in our economy and environment, but for the

1 effective functioning of domestic and international  
2 energy markets;

3 (2) Federal and State policymakers rely on the  
4 Energy Information Administration to collect and  
5 report State level energy information needed for en-  
6 ergy policymaking, compliance with Federal and  
7 State mandates, and for purposes of emergency en-  
8 ergy preparedness and response;

9 (3) as policymakers consider and implement  
10 policies to cut greenhouse gas emissions, accurate,  
11 timely, and comparable State energy information be-  
12 comes even more important;

13 (4) new and expanded sources of information  
14 about energy demand and supply have become avail-  
15 able and need to be incorporated in the Energy In-  
16 formation Administration's data and analysis func-  
17 tions;

18 (5) the Energy Information Administration  
19 needs to maintain and enhance its ability to collect,  
20 process, and analyze data while confronting broader  
21 demands for information in greater detail; and

22 (6) budget and personnel constraints have  
23 forced the Energy Information Administration to  
24 curtail surveys relied upon by energy and financial  
25 markets and could further defer important improve-

1       ments in the scope and quality of resulting informa-  
2       tion.

3       **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF RESOURCES.**

4       (a) 5-YEAR PLAN.—The Administrator of the Energy  
5       Information Administration shall establish a 5-year plan  
6       to enhance the quality and scope of the data collection nec-  
7       essary to ensure the scope, accuracy, and timeliness of the  
8       information needed for efficient functioning of energy  
9       markets and related financial operations. Particular atten-  
10      tion shall be paid to restoring data series terminated be-  
11      cause of budget constraints, data on demand response,  
12      timely data series of State-level information, improve-  
13      ments in the area of oil and gas data, and the ability to  
14      provide data mandated by Congress promptly and com-  
15      pletely.

16      (b) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—The Administrator  
17      shall submit this plan to Congress detailing improvements  
18      needed to enhance the Energy Information Administra-  
19      tion’s ability to collect and process energy information in  
20      a manner consistent with the needs of energy markets.

21      (c) GUIDELINES.—The Administrator shall—

22              (1) establish guidelines to ensure the quality,  
23              comparability, and scope of State energy data, in-  
24              cluding data on energy production and consumption  
25              by product and sector and renewable and alternative

1 sources, required to provide a comprehensive, accu-  
2 rate energy profile at the State level;

3 (2) share company-level data collected at the  
4 State level with the State involved, provided the  
5 State has agreed to reasonable guidelines for its use  
6 adopted by the Administrator;

7 (3) assess any existing gaps in data obtained by  
8 and compiled by the Energy Information Adminis-  
9 tration; and

10 (4) evaluate the most cost effective ways to ad-  
11 dress any data quality and quantity issues in con-  
12 junction with State officials.

13 The Energy Information Administration shall consult with  
14 State officials and the Federal Energy Regulatory Com-  
15 mission on a regular basis in establishing these guidelines  
16 and scope of State level data, as well as in exploring ways  
17 to address data needs and serve data uses.

18 (d) ASSESSMENT OF STATE DATA NEEDS.—The Ad-  
19 ministrator shall provide an assessment of these State-  
20 level data needs to the Congress not later than 1 year after  
21 the date of enactment of this Act, detailing a plan to ad-  
22 dress the needs identified.

23 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24 are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator for

1 carrying out this section, in addition to any other author-  
2 izations—

3 (1) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

4 (2) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009;

5 (3) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

6 (4) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

7 (5) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and

8 (6) such sums as are necessary for subsequent  
9 fiscal years.

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