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OCTOBER 23, 2001

Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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. PERMITS FOR EXISTING NATURAL GAS PIPE-**  
 2 **LINES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may  
 4 issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines that  
 5 exist as of September 1, 2001, within the boundary of  
 6 Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

7 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A permit issued  
 8 under subsection (a) shall be—

9 (1) issued consistent with laws and regulations  
 10 generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within  
 11 units of the National Park System; and

12 (2) subject to any terms and conditions that the  
 13 Secretary deems necessary.

14 **SEC. 2. PERMITS FOR PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior may  
 16 issue rights-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines with-  
 17 in the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park  
 18 that are proposed to be constructed across—

19 (1) the Foothills Parkway;

20 (2) the Foothills Parkway Spur between Pigeon  
 21 Forge and Gatlinburg; and

22 (3) the Gatlinburg Bypass.

23 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A permit issued  
 24 under subsection (a) shall be—

1           (1) issued consistent with laws and regulations  
2           generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within  
3           units of the National Park System; and

4           (2) subject to any terms and conditions that the  
5           Secretary deems necessary, including—

6                   (A) provisions for the protection and res-  
7                   toration of park resources that are disturbed by  
8                   pipeline construction; and

9                   (B) assurances that construction and oper-  
10                  ation of the pipeline will not adversely affect  
11                  Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Passed the Senate October 17, 2001.

Attest:

JERI THOMSON,  
*Secretary.*