H. R. 945

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2011

Mr. Graves of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Streamlining America’s Various Energy Needs Act”.

SEC. 2. POLICY.

It is the policy of the United States that executive branch agencies should take appropriate actions, to the extent consistent with applicable law, to expedite projects that will increase the production, transmission, or conservation of energy.
SEC. 3. ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE ENERGY-RELATED PROJECTS.

For energy-related projects, Federal agencies shall, to the extent consistent with applicable law, expedite their review of permits and take other actions as necessary to accelerate the completion of such projects, while maintaining safety, public health, and environmental protections.

SEC. 4. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an interagency task force to—

(1) monitor and assist Federal agencies in their efforts to comply with this Act; and

(2) monitor and assist such agencies in setting up appropriate mechanisms to coordinate Federal, State, tribal, and local permitting in geographic areas where increased permitting activity is expected.

(b) COMPOSITION.—The task force shall be composed of representatives from the Departments of State, the Treasury, Defense, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Commerce, Transportation, the Interior, Labor, Education, Health and Human Services, Energy, and Veterans Affairs, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, the General Services Administration, the Office of Management and Budget, the Council of Economic Advisers, the Domestic Policy
Council, and the National Economic Council, and such other representatives as the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality considers appropriate.

(e) CHAIR; ADMINISTRATION.—The task force shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality and housed at the Department of Energy for administrative purposes.

SEC. 5. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Nothing in this Act shall affect judicial review of an agency action. This Act is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity by a party against the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person.