

# Union Calendar No. 512

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1026

[Report No. 115-667]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Mr. NOLAN (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. WALZ, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. BEYER, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. FASO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. PAULSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mr. KATKO, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KIND, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota, and Mr. EMMER

MAY 10, 2018

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 13, 2017]

# **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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        *This Act may be cited as the “North Country National*  
5 *Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ROUTE ADJUSTMENT.**

7        *Section 5(a)(8) of the National Trails System Act (16*  
8 *U.S.C. 1244(a)(8)) is amended in the first sentence—*

9            *(1) by striking “thirty-two hundred miles, ex-*  
10 *tending from eastern New York State” and inserting*  
11 *“4,600 miles, extending from the Appalachian Trail*  
12 *in Vermont”; and*

13            *(2) by striking “Proposed North Country Trail”*  
14 *and all that follows through “June 1975.” and insert-*  
15 *ing “‘North Country National Scenic Trail, Author-*  
16 *ized Route’, dated February 2014, and numbered 649/*  
17 *116870.”.*

18 **SEC. 3. LAND ACQUISITION.**

19        *Neither the Secretary of Agriculture nor the Secretary*  
20 *of the Interior may acquire for the North Country National*  
21 *Scenic Trail land in Minnesota or Vermont that was ob-*  
22 *tained through condemnation by a State or local govern-*  
23 *ment.*

1 **SEC. 4. ENERGY.**

2       *Nothing in the amendments made by this Act that*  
3 *change the authorized route of the North Country National*  
4 *Scenic Trail in Minnesota or Vermont shall prohibit the*  
5 *development, production, conveyance, or transmission of en-*  
6 *ergy in those States, with reasonable efforts made to pre-*  
7 *serve the nature and purpose of the North Country National*  
8 *Scenic Trail, and to mitigate any damage to that trail and*  
9 *its associated resources caused by such activities.*



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