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H. R. 10262

To require the Secretary of Energy to request the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Mrs. FLETCHER (for herself and Mr. PFLUGER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “21st Century Strategic
5 Petroleum Reserve Act” or the “21st Century SPR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE**
2 **MODERNIZATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Energy
5 shall request that the National Petroleum Council—

6 (1) not later than one year after so requested,
7 submit to the Secretary of Energy and Congress a
8 report containing—

9 (A) an analysis of opportunities to improve
10 and modernize the physical infrastructure and
11 operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to
12 respond to petroleum product supply shocks, in-
13 cluding by—

14 (i) expanding the geographic distribu-
15 tion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

16 (ii) expanding the Strategic Petroleum
17 Reserve to include storage of refined petro-
18 leum products;

19 (iii) eliminating congressionally man-
20 dated sales of petroleum products from the
21 Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

22 (iv) creating storage facilities suffi-
23 ciently resilient to withstand drawdowns of
24 petroleum products of the volume and fre-
25 quency required over the last 10 years of
26 the Strategic Petroleum Reserve's use;

1 (v) expanding the storage capacity of
2 the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

3 (vi) encouraging purchases of petro-
4 leum products to replenish the Strategic
5 Petroleum Reserve during periods of low
6 petroleum prices; and

7 (vii) increasing—

8 (I) the Strategic Petroleum Re-
9 serve's rate of fill; and

10 (II) the bidirectional flow capa-
11 bility of the Strategic Petroleum Re-
12 serve's pipeline infrastructure;

13 (B) any recommendations for Federal
14 agencies and Congress to improve and mod-
15 ernize the physical infrastructure and operation
16 of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to respond
17 to petroleum product supply shocks; and

18 (C) an analysis and evaluation of the Life
19 Extension II project, including work that was
20 originally in-scope for the Life Extension II
21 project but was subsequently not carried out;
22 and

23 (2) make publicly available the report submitted
24 under paragraph (1).

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) PETROLEUM PRODUCT.—The term “petro-
2 leum product” has the meaning given such term in
3 section 3 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 6202).

5 (2) STORAGE FACILITY.—The term “storage fa-
6 cility” has the meaning given such term in section
7 152 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42
8 U.S.C. 6232).

9 (3) STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.—The
10 term “Strategic Petroleum Reserve” has the mean-
11 ing given such term in section 152 of the Energy
12 Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6232).

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