

# Union Calendar No. 109

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

# H. R. 1373

[Report No. 119–140]

To require certain meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority to be transparent and open to the public, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Mr. BURCHETT (for himself and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

JUNE 5, 2025

Additional sponsor: Ms. LEE of Nevada

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 14, 2025]

# **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 “Tennessee Valley Author-*  
 5       *ity Transparency Act of 2025”.*

6       **SEC. 2. TRANSPARENCY AND AVAILABILITY OF MEETINGS.**

7       *Section 2(g)(2) of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act*  
 8       *of 1933 is amended to read as follows:*

9               “(2) *MEETINGS.*—

10               “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Board shall meet*  
 11               *at least 4 times each year.*

12               “(B) *TRANSPARENCY.*—

13               “(i) *OPEN MEETINGS.*—*For purposes of*  
 14               *applying the requirements of section 552b of*  
 15               *title 5, United States Code, to the Board,*  
 16               *the term ‘meeting’ shall include all delibera-*  
 17               *tions of the members of the Board, a com-*  
 18               *mittee of the Board, and a subcommittee of*  
 19               *the Board, including any such deliberations*  
 20               *that are not scheduled for the purpose of*  
 21               *taking an action that will determine or re-*  
 22               *sult in the joint conduct or disposition of of-*  
 23               *ficial business of the Corporation, notwith-*  
 24               *standing subsection (a)(2) of such section.*

25               “(ii) *NOTICE OF MEETINGS.*—

1                   “(I) *PUBLICATION.*—For purposes  
2                   of section 552b of title 5, United States  
3                   Code, public announcement of meetings  
4                   shall include publication on the website  
5                   of the Board.

6                   “(II) *EMERGENCY MEETINGS.*—  
7                   Notwithstanding section 552b(e)(1) of  
8                   title 5, United States Code, the require-  
9                   ment to make public announcement at  
10                  least one week prior to a meeting shall  
11                  not apply if the chairman of the Board  
12                  designates the meeting as an emergency  
13                  special meeting.

14                  “(iii) *PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMA-*  
15                  *TION.*—The Board shall publish on the  
16                  website of the Board any information re-  
17                  quired to be disclosed or made available to  
18                  the public, or publicly certified, under sec-  
19                  tion 552b of title 5, United States Code.

20                  “(iv) *EXEMPTIONS.*—For purposes of  
21                  applying section 552b of title 5, United  
22                  States Code, to any portion of a meeting of  
23                  the Board, and to any information per-  
24                  taining to such portion of a meeting, the  
25                  Board may make a determination in ac-

1                   *cordance with such section not to disclose to*  
2                   *the public under such section the following*  
3                   *information:*

4                   “(I) *Information containing or re-*  
5                   *lating to power availability requests.*

6                   “(II) *Information containing or*  
7                   *relating to contract negotiations, in-*  
8                   *cluding labor relations and procure-*  
9                   *ment actions, the disclosure of which*  
10                  *would imperil or compromise the com-*  
11                  *petitive position of the Corporation.”.*

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