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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2001

Referred to the Committee on Resources

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 within
17 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—

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.