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To amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to require committee reports to include domestic energy impact statements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Domestic Energy Im-
5 pact Statement Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**
2 **TIVES REQUIRED TO INCLUDE DOMESTIC EN-**
3 **ERGY IMPACT STATEMENTS.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT TO RULE.—Clause 3(d) of rule XIII
5 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended
6 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

7 “(4)(A) A statement (if timely submitted to the
8 committee by the Comptroller General before the fil-
9 ing of the report) for each such bill or joint resolu-
10 tion that would have an impact on the governance
11 of public lands, including the outer Continental
12 Shelf, of the impact of such bill on domestic energy
13 availability.

14 “(B) Each such statement shall contain—

15 “(i) the physical/geographic size of any
16 new areas of public lands which are opened up
17 or closed off for energy exploration; and

18 “(ii) the total amount of cubic feet of dry
19 natural gas or the total number of barrels of oil
20 or liquid natural gas, or the total number of
21 short tons of coal, which could be recovered
22 from any public lands which are opened up or
23 closed off for energy exploration.”.

24 (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.—The
25 amendment made by subsection (a) is enacted as an exer-
26 cise of the rulemaking power of the House of Representa-

1 tives, and as such shall be considered as part of the Rules
2 of the House of Representatives, with full recognition of
3 the constitutional right of the House of Representatives
4 to change such Rules at any time, in the same manner,
5 and to the same extent as in the case of any other Rule
6 of the House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 3. DOMESTIC ENERGY IMPACT STATEMENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 719 of title 31, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(i) The Comptroller General shall, to the extent
12 practicable, prepare for each bill or joint resolution re-
13 ported by any committee of the House of Representatives
14 or the Senate that would have an impact on domestic en-
15 ergy availability, and submit to such committee a domestic
16 energy impact statement containing—

17 “(1) the physical/geographic size of any new
18 areas of public lands which are opened up or closed
19 off for energy exploration; and

20 “(2) the total amount of cubic feet of dry nat-
21 ural gas or the total number of barrels of oil or liq-
22 uid natural gas, or the total number of short tons
23 of coal, which could be recovered from any public
24 lands which are opened up or closed off for energy
25 exploration.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply to bills and joint resolutions re-
3 ported by committees of the House of Representatives or
4 the Senate 90 or more days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act.

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