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To require pipelines regulated by the Secretary of Transportation to be made of steel that is produced in the United States and originates from iron ore and taconite mined and processed in the United States, for safety, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NOLAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “American Pipeline
5 Jobs and Safety Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMERICAN STEEL.**

2 Section 60102 of title 49, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(q) AMERICAN STEEL.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Sec-
8 retary shall prescribe minimum safety standards re-
9 quiring that any pipeline subject to this chapter that
10 is constructed or replaced after such date of enact-
11 ment be made of steel that—

12 “(A) is produced in the United States; and

13 “(B) originates from iron ore and taconite
14 mined and processed in the United States.

15 “(2) USE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS.—For pur-
16 poses of this subsection, steel that is recycled in the
17 United States shall be considered to be steel de-
18 scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph
19 (1) if the recycled materials are combined with iron
20 ore and taconite mined and processed in the United
21 States.

22 “(3) WAIVERS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In prescribing safety
24 standards under this subsection, the Secretary
25 shall permit a waiver of the requirements of
26 paragraph (1) to the extent that the Secretary

1 determines such a waiver is necessary based on
2 the estimate prepared under subparagraph (B).

3 “(B) ANNUAL DEMAND AND SUPPLY ESTI-
4 MATE.—The Secretary shall prepare annually
5 an estimate of—

6 “(i) the amount of steel likely to be
7 needed to be produced to meet the require-
8 ments of paragraph (1); and

9 “(ii) the production capacity of
10 United States producers of steel described
11 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of such
12 paragraph.

13 “(C) APPROVAL OF SOURCES.—The Sec-
14 retary shall ensure that steel permitted to be
15 used in pipelines pursuant to a waiver under
16 this paragraph meets the same standards as
17 steel described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
18 paragraph (1), and shall publish a list of ap-
19 proved sources of steel so permitted.”.

20 **SEC. 3. INSPECTION AND TESTING.**

21 (a) TESTING.—Section 60108(b) of title 49, United
22 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(4) Testing under this subsection shall include di-
2 rect, pre-installation testing by the Secretary of pipelines
3 for quality verification.”.

4 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
5 60125 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(d) INSPECTION AND TESTING.—There is author-
8 ized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each fiscal year
9 to carry out direct, pre-installation inspection and testing
10 of pipelines under this chapter, including testing of pipe-
11 lines under section 60108(b)(4) and testing and inspection
12 of steel pursuant to section 60102(q).”.

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