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H. R. 5553

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. RASKIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Crude by Rail Volat-

5 ility Standard Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL STANDARD FOR MAXIMUM CRUDE OIL**

7 **VOLATILITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Crude oil may only be transported

9 by rail if the oil has a Reid vapor pressure of not more

1 than 9.5 pounds per square inch, the maximum volatility
2 set by the New York Mercantile Exchange for crude oil
3 futures contracts.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall apply to the
5 transportation of crude oil occurring on and after the date
6 that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

7 (c) CRUDE OIL VOLATILITY STANDARD.—Not later
8 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
9 the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Mate-
10 rials Safety Administration shall issue a final rule based
11 on the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking titled
12 “Hazardous Materials: Volatility of Unrefined Petroleum
13 Products and Class 3 Materials” and published in the
14 Federal Register on January 18, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg.
15 5499).

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