

### Proposed Legislation Concerning Liquefied Natural Gas

H.R. 6844, Dingel (D-Mich.), introduced on May 3, 1977, and referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The bill would:

1. direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules and regulations for siting, construction, and operation of LNG facilities;
2. require a permit from the Secretary of Transportation prior to construction and operation of an LNG facility;
3. provide for a limited State veto over project approval where a facility would be located in an area with a prescribed population density; and
4. direct the President to make a 10-year projection of the need for liquefied natural gas imports.

Staff Working Paper No. 1, November 12, 1976, prepared by Senate Commerce Committee staff. The draft would:

1. require a license from the Secretary of Transportation for the siting, construction, and operation of LNG facilities;
2. prescribe procedures for granting such a license;
3. direct the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe siting criteria for LNG facilities;
4. provide for State veto over LNG facilities;
5. provides for strict liability, with upper limits, for LNG accidents; and
6. establish a fund to compensate claims over and above the limits on company liability.