

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require a report on natural gas leak reporting.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 2276**

To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MARKEY

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1 At the end, add the following:

2 **SEC. 21. REPORT ON NATURAL GAS LEAK REPORTING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of  
5 the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administra-  
6 tion shall submit to Congress a report on the metrics pro-  
7 vided to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Ad-  
8 ministration and other Federal and State agencies related  
9 to lost and unaccounted for natural gas from distribution  
10 pipelines and systems.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
12 section (a) shall include the following elements:

1           (1) An examination of different reporting re-  
2           quirements or standards for lost and unaccounted  
3           for natural gas to different agencies, the reasons for  
4           any such discrepancies, and recommendations for  
5           harmonizing and improving the accuracy of report-  
6           ing.

7           (2) An analysis of whether separate or alter-  
8           native reporting could better measure the amounts  
9           and identify the location of lost and unaccounted for  
10          natural gas from natural gas distribution systems.

11          (3) A description of potential safety issues asso-  
12          ciated with natural gas that is lost and unaccounted  
13          for from natural gas distribution systems.

14          (4) An assessment of whether alternate report-  
15          ing and measures will resolve any safety issues iden-  
16          tified under paragraph (3), including an analysis of  
17          the potential impact, including potential savings, on  
18          rate payers and end users of natural gas products  
19          of such reporting and measures.

20          (c) CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—If the  
21          Administrator determines that alternate reporting struc-  
22          tures or recommendations included in the report required  
23          under subsection (a) would significantly improve the re-  
24          porting and measurement of lost and unaccounted for gas  
25          or safety of systems, the Administrator shall, not later

1 than 180 days after making such determination, issue reg-  
2 ulations, as the Administrator determines appropriate, to  
3 implement the recommendations.