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## NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY ACT AMENDMENTS (H.R. 15205)

Legislation to authorize appropriations to carry out the provisions of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act is scheduled for House consideration next Monday, September 19, under Suspension of the Rules.

### ACTION BY THE 93RD CONGRESS

-Ordered reported by Interstate Committee August 15 (voice)  
-S. 3620, similar legislation, has been reported in the Senate  
Floor Manager: Chairman Staggers

### BACKGROUND

The Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 was enacted into law August 12, 1968. Administration of the Act is vested in the Secretary of Transportation who has delegated his responsibility to the Office of Pipeline Safety.

The Act provides for federal safety standards for facilities utilized in the transportation of natural and other gases by pipeline, or its storage, in or affecting interstate commerce.

Under the Act the Secretary of Transportation makes grants-in-aid to the states of up to 50 percent of their costs of carrying out gas pipeline safety activities as provided for in the Act.

### COST

H.R. 15205, as amended, would authorize the appropriations of the following amounts:

	FY 1975	FY 1976
Operation of the Act	\$2 million	\$1.8 million
Grants-in-aid to States	<u>\$2.85 million</u> \$4.85 million	<u>\$2.5 million</u> \$4.3 million

TOTAL: \$9.15 million