P3D CONGRESS IST SESSION H. R. 8257

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ship, operation, management, and control tehnilitiacifities

Mr. STAGGERS (for himself and Mr. DEVINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

<sup>10</sup> gas and the relationship between the two; the cost of 11 production, gathering, storage, transportation, distribution,

## and sale; the rate BILL solar off takes have

To amend section 14 of the Natural Gas Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
That section 14 of the Natural Gas Act, as amended (15
U.S.C. 717m), is amended by adding two new subsections as
follows:

6 "(i) The Commission is further authorized and directed 7 to conduct studies of the production, gathering, storage, 8 transportation, distribution, and sale of natural or artificial 9 gas, however produced, throughout the United States and 10 its possessions whether or not otherwise subject to the juris-11 diction of the Commission, including the production, gather-

1 ing, storage, transportation, distribution, and sale of natural or artificial gas by any agency, authority, or instrumentality 2 of the United States, or of any State or municipality or po-3 litical subdivision of a State. It shall, so far as practicable, 4 secure and keep current information regarding the owner-5 ship, operation, management, and control of all facilities 6 for such production, gathering, storage, transportation, dis-7 tribution, and sale; the total estimated natural gas reserves 8 of fields or reservoirs and the current utilization of natural gas and the relationship between the two; the cost of 10 production, gathering, storage, transportation, distribution, 11 and sale; the rates, charges, and contracts in respect to the 12 sale of natural gas and its service to residential, rural, com-13 14 mercial, and industrial consumers, and other purchasers by 15 private and public agencies; and the relation of any and all such facts to the development of conservation, industry, com-16 17 merce, and the national defense. The Commission shall report to Congress and may publish and make available as pro-18 19 vided by subsection (a) the results of studies made under 20 authority of this subsection. "(j) The Commission in making studies, investigations, 21 and reports under this section shall utilize, insofar as prac-22 23 ticable, the services, studies, reports, information, and con-24 tinuing investigational programs of existing departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, and other entities of the United 25

States, of the respective States, and of the natural gas indus try. Nothing in this section shall be construed as modifying,
reassigning, or otherwise affecting the investigating and re porting activities, duties, powers, and functions of any other
department, bureau, office, or agency in the Federal
Government."

3

By Mr. STANGERS and Mr. DEVICE MAY 30, 1973

T

2

93d CONGRESS 1st Session

## H. R. 8257

## A BILL

To amend section 14 of the Natural Gas Act.

By Mr. STAGGERS and Mr. DEVINE

MAY 30, 1973 Referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

94 tin al niodifying bas Federal Totio 10-