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Senate OKs bill to promote energy

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The Senate voted 85 to 12 in favor of the Energy Policy Modernization Act, the first major energy bill to come to the floor since the Bush administration. The Senate vote brought Congress one step closer to embracing policies that say yes to energy, ” he said. It requires the Secretary of Energy, Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the U.S. EPA to jointly ensure federal policy relating to forest bioenergy is consistent across all departments and agencies and that the full benefits of forest biomass for energy, conservation and responsible forest management are recognized.

After the vote, Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., champions wind power and conservation.

"At the beginning of a year ago, not only did we have these previous issues in which we saw the world differently, but we were going head-to-toe on the Keystone XL pipeline", said Cantwell.

Environmental policy analyst Peter Van Doren of the Cato Institute told The Christian Science Monitor by phone that the reason this bill had passed was less due to genuine goodwill than the success of each side's agenda.

The relatively short duration of the Senate bill - it would expire after about 18 months, at the end of fiscal 2017 - will give the Republicans who support shifting the FAA employees another opportunity to press for it in the near term. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., which reauthorizes the U.S. Department of Energy's Vehicle Technologies Program. It now must be reconciled with a House-passed version that boosts fossil fuels such as oil, coal and natural gas.

FERC would also track applications and post their status onto its website for access by the public.

On Tuesday, Murkowski told E&E Daily she hopes to start the reconciliation process with the House as soon as possible and finish before the August recess to avoid the issue being pushed to a lame-duck congressional session after the November elections.

The bill written by Thune, the Senate Commerce committee chairman, and Sen.

The measure also includes several preservation provisions, including those for the purchase of land for the expansion of fish and wildlife habitats and calls for the development of renewable energy projects on public lands.

Included in the bill are strong security measures that make federal grant money available for improving the security of transportation hubs, to put more federal transportation security teams in place, and to help prevent unauthorized access to the secure areas of airports, Graham said in a press release.

According to the AGA, a provision written by Sens. And the Energy Security Act of 2007, which promised us magical cars (better even than the magical cars the Clinton administration promised to develop) and cheaper gasoline prices.

The House of Representatives passed a similar bill a year ago. "This legislation will help catalyze the fast-maturing domestic LNG industry". The pilot would be located in one state and include at least 2,000 drilling spacing units in a location where 25% or less of the underlying mineral rights are owned by the federal government, and no surface land is owned/held in trust by the federal government.