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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. FRIST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. NATURAL GAS PIPELINES WITHIN THE BOUND-**
4 **ARY OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NA-**
5 **TIONAL PARK.**

6 (a) PERMIT FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.—

7 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the In-
8 terior may issue right-of-way permits for natural gas
9 pipelines that are—

1 (A) within the boundary of the Great
 2 Smoky Mountains National Park (as of the
 3 date of enactment of this Act);

4 (B) not otherwise authorized by Federal
 5 law; and

6 (C) not subject to valid rights of property
 7 ownership.

8 (2) CONDITIONS.—A permit issued under para-
 9 graph (1) shall be subject to any terms and condi-
 10 tions that the Secretary determines necessary.

11 (b) PERMIT FOR PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPE-
 12 LINES.—

13 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may issue
 14 right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within
 15 the boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains Na-
 16 tional Park that are proposed for construction in—

17 (A) the Foothills Parkway;

18 (B) the Foothills Parkway Spur between
 19 Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg; and

20 (C) the Gatlinburg Bypass.

21 (2) CONDITIONS.—A permit issued under para-
 22 graph (1) shall be subject to any terms and condi-
 23 tions that the Secretary determines necessary,
 24 including—

1 (A) provisions for the protection and res-
2 toration of resources that are disturbed by pipe-
3 line construction; and

4 (B) assurances that construction and oper-
5 ation of the pipeline will be compatible with the
6 purposes of the Park.

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