



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 217**

**A bill to amend the Denali National Park Improvement Act to clarify certain provisions relating to the natural gas pipeline authorized in the Denali National Park and Preserve**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on March 30, 2017*

Based on information provided by the National Park Service (NPS), CBO estimates that implementing S. 217 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The bill would:

- Expand the area in Denali National Park in Alaska where the NPS may issue right-of-way permits for the development of natural gas and utility pipelines; and
- Exempt applications for right-of-way permits from certain provisions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act that require multiple federal agencies to review such projects.

If pipeline operators seek additional right-of-way permits from the NPS as a result of S. 217's enactment, the agency could collect and spend additional fees to recover costs associated with issuing permits. CBO estimates that total collections under the bill would be insignificant over the 2018-2027 period, and the net effect on direct spending would be negligible. Because enacting S. 217 would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 217 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 217 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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