

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7404

To repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural
gas.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unlocking our Domes-
5 tic LNG Potential Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADVANCING UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP.**

7 Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)
8 is amended—

9 (1) by striking subsections (a) through (c);

10 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
11 subsections (a) and (b), respectively;

1 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
2 section (c), and moving such subsection after sub-
3 section (b), as so redesignated;

4 (4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by
5 amending paragraph (1) to read as follows: “(1) The
6 Commission shall have the exclusive authority to ap-
7 prove or deny an application for the siting, construc-
8 tion, expansion, or operation of a facility to export
9 natural gas from the United States to a foreign
10 country or import natural gas from a foreign coun-
11 try, including an LNG terminal. Except as specifi-
12 cally provided in this Act, nothing in this Act is in-
13 tended to affect otherwise applicable law related to
14 any Federal agency’s authorities or responsibilities
15 related to facilities to import or export natural gas,
16 including LNG terminals.”; and

17 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 section:

19 “(d) Nothing in this Act limits the authority of the
20 President under the Constitution, the International Emer-
21 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the
22 National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), part
23 B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
24 (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the Enemy
25 Act (50 U.S.C. App. 1 et seq.), or any other provision

1 of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or for-
2 eign government (including any provision of law that pro-
3 hibits or restricts United States persons from engaging
4 in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government),
5 including a foreign government that is designated as a
6 state sponsor of terrorism, to prohibit imports or ex-
7 ports.”.

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