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H. R. 4605

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FLORES, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. IMPORT AND EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS.**

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

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

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

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

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

19 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “(d) Nothing in this Act limits the authority of the
22 President under the Constitution, the International Emer-
23 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the
24 National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), part
25 B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the Enemy
2 Act (50 U.S.C. App. 1 et seq.), or any other provision
3 of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or for-
4 eign government (including any provision of law that pro-
5 hibits or restricts United States persons from engaging
6 in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government),
7 including a foreign government that is designated as a
8 state sponsor of terrorism, to prohibit imports or ex-
9 ports.”.

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