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To expedite decisions on applications for authorization to export natural gas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. HEITKAMP) 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. AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS.**

4 (a) **DECISION DEADLINE.**—The Secretary of Energy
5 shall issue a decision on any application for authorization
6 to export natural gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas
7 Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) not later than 90 days after the
8 later of—

1 (1) the end of the comment period for the deci-
2 sion as set forth in the applicable notice published
3 in the Federal Register; or

4 (2) the date of enactment of this Act.

5 (b) JUDICIAL ACTION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The United States Court of
7 Appeals for the circuit in which the export facility
8 will be located pursuant to an application described
9 in subsection (a) shall have original and exclusive ju-
10 risdiction over any civil action for the review of —

11 (A) an order issued by the Secretary of
12 Energy with respect to the application; or

13 (B) the failure of the Secretary to issue a
14 decision on the application.

15 (2) ORDER.—If the Court in a civil action de-
16 scribed in paragraph (1) finds that the Secretary
17 has failed to issue a decision on the application as
18 required under subsection (a), the Court shall order
19 the Secretary to issue the decision not later than 30
20 days after the order of the Court.

21 (3) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.—The Court
22 shall—

23 (A) set any civil action brought under this
24 subsection for expedited consideration; and

1 (B) set the matter on the docket as soon
2 as practicable after the filing date of the initial
3 pleading.

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