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H. R. 1949

[Report No. 119-269]

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2025

Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LETLOW, Mrs. SPARTZ, Ms. BOEBERT, Mrs. BICE, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, and Ms. HAGEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Additional sponsors: Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. MANN, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. PALMER, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. BARRETT, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ONDER, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BACON, Ms. LEE of Florida, and Mr. ALFORD

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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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 2025”.

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;

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

15 (4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by
16 amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

17 “(1) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (in
18 this subsection referred to as the ‘Commission’) shall have
19 the exclusive authority to approve or deny an application
20 for authorization for the siting, construction, expansion,
21 or operation of a facility to export natural gas from the
22 United States to a foreign country or import natural gas
23 from a foreign country, including an LNG terminal. In
24 determining whether to approve or deny an application
25 under this paragraph, the Commission shall deem the ex-

1 portation or importation of natural gas to be consistent
2 with the public interest. Except as specifically provided in
3 this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to affect otherwise
4 applicable law related to any Federal agency’s authorities
5 or responsibilities related to facilities to import or export
6 natural gas, including LNG terminals.”; and

7 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 section:

9 “(d)(1) Nothing in this Act limits the authority of
10 the President under the Constitution, the International
11 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
12 seq.), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et
13 seq.), part B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conserva-
14 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the
15 Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), or any other provi-
16 sion of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or
17 foreign government (including any provision of law that
18 prohibits or restricts United States persons from engaging
19 in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government),
20 including a country that is designated as a state sponsor
21 of terrorism, to prohibit imports or exports.

22 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘state sponsor of ter-
23 rorism’ means a country the government of which the Sec-
24 retary of State determines has repeatedly provided sup-
25 port for international terrorism pursuant to—

1 “(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Con-
2 trol Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4318(c)(1)(A));
3 “(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance
4 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);
5 “(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act
6 (22 U.S.C. 2780); or
7 “(D) any other provision of law.”.

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