

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Natural Gas Act to eliminate the presumption that the exportation of natural gas to certain nations is in the public interest, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 [“_____ Act
5 of _____”].

6 **SEC. 2. EXPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS.**

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

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting after the sec-
2 ond sentence the following: “With respect to an ap-
3 plication for an order authorizing the exportation of
4 natural gas, the applicant shall have the burden of
5 proving that the proposed exportation will be con-
6 sistent with the public interest.”;

7 (2) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) by striking “, or the exportation of
9 natural gas to a nation with which there is in
10 effect a free trade agreement requiring national
11 treatment for trade in natural gas,”;

12 (B) by striking “or exportation”;

13 (C) by striking “(c) For purposes” and in-
14 serting the following:

15 “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes”; and

17 (D) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) NATURAL GAS PRICE DETERMINATION.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
20 not issue an order under subsection (a) author-
21 izing the exportation of natural gas to any na-
22 tion unless the Commission makes a determina-
23 tion that the exportation will not materially im-
24 pact the price of natural gas in the United
25 States.

1 “(B) PERIODIC REVIEW.—The Commission
2 shall—

3 “(i) periodically review all orders
4 issued under subsection (a) authorizing the
5 exportation of natural gas that are in ef-
6 fect as of the date of the review; and

7 “(ii) certify that the orders do not in-
8 dividually or collectively materially impact
9 the price of natural gas in the United
10 States.”.