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H. R. 6454

To require a certain percentage of LNG and crude oil exports be transported on United States-built and United States-flag vessels, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2016

Mr. GARAMENDI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Energizing American
5 Shipbuilding and Maritime Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL POLICY ON STRATEGIC ENERGY ASSET**
7 **EXPORT TRANSPORTATION.**

8 (a) LNG EXPORTS.—

1 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

2 (A) LNG is an explosive gas that can be
3 hazardous to national import and export termi-
4 nals and ports when mishandled.

5 (B) LNG is a strategic national asset, the
6 export of which will be used to preserve the
7 United States tanker fleet and skilled mariner
8 workforce that are essential to national secu-
9 rity.

10 (C) For the safety and security of the
11 United States, LNG should be exported on ves-
12 sels documented under the laws of the United
13 States.

14 (2) REQUIREMENT.—Section 3 of the Natural
15 Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) is amended by adding at
16 the end the following:

17 “(g) TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORTS OF LNG ON
18 VESSELS BUILT IN THE UNITED STATES AND DOCU-
19 MENTED UNDER LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.—As a
20 condition for approval of any authorization to export
21 LNG, the Secretary of Energy shall require the applicant
22 to transport the authorized exports on vessels built in the
23 United States and documented under the laws of the
24 United States, as follows:

1 “(1) Fifteen percent of the LNG authorized to
2 be exported in each of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and
3 2024.

4 “(2) Thirty percent of the LNG authorized to
5 be exported in 2025 and each year thereafter.”.

6 (3) OPPORTUNITIES FOR LICENSED AND UNLI-
7 CENSED MARINERS.—Each Federal official respon-
8 sible for the issuance of a permit authorizing the ex-
9 port of LNG shall require, as a condition and term
10 of the permit, that the permittee shall provide oppor-
11 tunities for United States licensed and unlicensed
12 mariners to receive experience and training nec-
13 essary for them to become credentialed in working
14 on an LNG vessel.

15 (b) CRUDE OIL.—Section 101 of title I of division
16 O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (42
17 U.S.C. 6212a) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “subsections
19 (c) and (d)” and inserting “subsections (c), (d), and
20 (e)”;

21 (2) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
22 section (f); and

23 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(e) TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL
2 ON VESSELS BUILT IN THE UNITED STATES AND DOCU-
3 MENTED UNDER LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.—As a
4 condition to export crude oil, the President shall require
5 an applicant to transport the exports on vessels built in
6 the United States and documented under the laws of the
7 United States, as follows:

8 “(1) Fifteen percent of the crude oil to be ex-
9 ported in each of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and
10 2024.

11 “(2) Thirty percent of the crude oil to be ex-
12 ported in 2025 and each year thereafter.”.

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