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H. R. 1240

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, and Mr. HUNTER) 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 Maritime Act”.

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

3 (a) LNG EXPORTS.—

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

5 (A) Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is an ex-
6 plosive gas that can be hazardous to national
7 import and export terminals and ports when
8 mishandled.

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

14 (C) For the safety and security of the
15 United States, LNG should be exported on ves-
16 sels documented under the laws of the United
17 States.

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

21 “(g) TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORTS OF LNG ON
22 VESSELS DOCUMENTED UNDER LAWS OF THE UNITED
23 STATES.—As a condition for approval of any authoriza-
24 tion to export liquefied natural gas, the Secretary of En-
25 ergy shall require the applicant to transport the author-

1 ized exports on vessels documented under the laws of the
2 United States, as follows:

3 “(1) Fifteen percent of the liquefied natural gas
4 authorized to be exported in each of 2020, 2021,
5 2022, 2023, and 2024.

6 “(2) Thirty percent of the liquefied natural gas
7 authorized to be exported in 2025 and each year
8 thereafter.”.

9 (3) OPPORTUNITIES FOR LICENSED AND UNLI-
10 CENSED MARINERS.—Each Federal official respon-
11 sible for the issuance of a permit authorizing the ex-
12 port of liquefied natural gas shall require, as a con-
13 dition and term of the permit, that the permittee
14 shall provide opportunities for United States licensed
15 and unlicensed mariners to receive experience and
16 training necessary for them to become credentialed
17 in working on a liquefied natural gas vessel.

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

21 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “subsections
22 (c) and (d)” and inserting “subsections (c), (d), and
23 (e)”;

24 (2) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
25 section (f); and

1 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(e) TRANSPORTATION OF EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL
4 ON VESSELS DOCUMENTED UNDER LAWS OF THE
5 UNITED STATES.—As a condition to export crude oil, the
6 President shall require an applicant to transport the ex-
7 ports on vessels documented under the laws of the United
8 States, as follows:

9 “(1) Fifteen percent of the crude oil to be ex-
10 ported in each of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and
11 2024.

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

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