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# H. R. 428

To provide for the expedited approval by the Secretary of Energy of liquefied natural gas exports, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, and Mr. COSTA) 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

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## 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 “Export American Nat-  
5 ural Gas Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORT APPROVAL.**

2 Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)  
3 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 sections:

5 “(g)(1) For purposes of subsection (a), the Secretary  
6 shall approve or deny an application for approval of the  
7 export of liquefied natural gas, whether through an on-  
8 shore or offshore terminal, not later than 60 days after  
9 the later of—

10 “(A) the Secretary receiving a completed  
11 application;

12 “(B) the applicant entering into a contract  
13 with a customer for the liquefied natural gas  
14 proposed to be exported; and

15 “(C) the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 “(2) If the Secretary has not approved or denied an  
17 application by the deadline established under paragraph  
18 (1), the application shall be deemed to have been ap-  
19 proved.

20 “(3) This subsection shall not apply to an application  
21 for export to a nation to which such export is prohibited  
22 by law.

23 “(h) Authorization shall be provided under subsection  
24 (a) separately from and simultaneously with authorization  
25 required from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
26 or the Maritime Administration, as applicable.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON GLOBAL EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS**  
2 **PRODUCTION.**

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
4 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to Con-  
5 gress a report on the following:

6 (1) The economic policies of foreign countries  
7 with natural gas resources and reserves as such poli-  
8 cies relate to the development and production of  
9 their natural gas resources and reserves and the ex-  
10 tent and status of their natural gas resources and  
11 reserves.

12 (2) The potential to export the natural gas pro-  
13 duction of such foreign countries to the global mar-  
14 ket and the impact of the export of such natural gas  
15 production on the global market.

16 (3) A description of actions taken by the United  
17 States Government to foster natural gas exports to  
18 foreign countries that may have an interest in im-  
19 porting natural gas from the United States.

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