

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

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To enhance the security of the United States and its allies,
and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. BARRASSO

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Energy Security Co-
5 operation with Allied Partners in Europe Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to reduce the dependency of allies and part-
9 ners of the United States on Russian energy re-
10 sources, especially natural gas, in order for those
11 countries to achieve lasting and dependable energy
12 security;

1 (2) to condemn the Government of the Russian
2 Federation for, and to deter that government from,
3 using its energy resources as a geopolitical weapon
4 to coerce, intimidate, and influence other countries;

5 (3) to improve energy security in Europe by in-
6 creasing access to diverse, reliable, and affordable
7 energy;

8 (4) to promote energy security in Europe by
9 working with the European Union and other allies of
10 the United States to develop liberalized energy mar-
11 kets that provide diversified energy sources, sup-
12 pliers, and routes;

13 (5) to continue to strongly oppose the Nord
14 Stream 2 pipeline based on its detrimental effects on
15 the energy security of the European Union and the
16 economy of Ukraine and other countries in Central
17 Europe through which natural gas is transported;
18 and

19 (6) to support countries that are allies or part-
20 ners of the United States by expediting the export
21 of energy resources from the United States.

22 **SEC. 3. NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.**

23 The President should direct the United States Per-
24 manent Representative on the Council of the North Atlan-
25 tic Treaty Organization (in this Act referred to as

1 “NATO”) to use the voice and influence of the United
2 States to encourage NATO member countries to work to-
3 gether to achieve energy security for those countries and
4 countries in Europe and Eurasia that are partners of
5 NATO.

6 **SEC. 4. TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.**

7 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
8 gress that the United States and other NATO member
9 countries should explore ways to ensure that NATO mem-
10 ber countries diversify their energy supplies and routes in
11 order to enhance their energy security, including through
12 the development of a transatlantic energy strategy.

13 (b) TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of State, in coordination with the Adminis-
17 trator of the United States Agency for International
18 Development and the Secretary of Energy, shall sub-
19 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
20 transatlantic energy strategy for the United
21 States—

22 (A) to enhance the energy security of
23 NATO member countries and countries that are
24 partners of NATO; and

1 (B) to increase exports of energy, energy
2 technologies, and energy development services
3 from the United States to such countries.

4 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
6 propriate congressional committees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
8 the Senate; and

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
10 the House of Representatives.

11 **SEC. 5. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORTATION OF NAT-**
12 **URAL GAS TO UNITED STATES ALLIES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas
14 Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—

15 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes”;

16 (2) by striking “nation with which there is in
17 effect a free trade agreement requiring national
18 treatment for trade in natural gas” and inserting
19 “foreign country described in paragraph (2)”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(2) A foreign country described in this paragraph
22 is—

23 “(A) a nation with which there is in effect a
24 free trade agreement requiring national treatment
25 for trade in natural gas;

1 “(B) a member country of the North Atlantic
2 Treaty Organization;

3 “(C) subject to paragraph (3), Japan; and

4 “(D) any other foreign country if the Secretary
5 of State, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
6 fense, determines that exportation of natural gas to
7 that foreign country would promote the national se-
8 curity interests of the United States.

9 “(3) The exportation of natural gas to Japan shall
10 be deemed to be consistent with the public interest pursu-
11 ant to paragraph (1), and applications for such expor-
12 tation shall be granted without modification or delay
13 under that paragraph, during only such period as the
14 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, signed at
15 Washington January 19, 1960, and entered into force
16 June 23, 1960 (11 UST 1632; TIAS 4509), between the
17 United States and Japan, remains in effect.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply with respect to applications for the
20 authorization to export natural gas under section 3 of the
21 Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) that are pending on,
22 or filed on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.