

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOLT OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 6
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY**

Page 1, line 5, strike “The Department” and insert “Except as provided in section 3(a)(2)(C) of the Natural Gas Act, as added by section 4 of this Act), the Department”.

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXPORTATION OF NAT-**
2 **URAL GAS.**

3 Section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.
4 717b(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting before “After six months from
6 the date on which” the following: “(1) AUTHORIZA-
7 TION FOR THE IMPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS.—”;

8 (2) by striking “export any natural gas from
9 the United States to a foreign country or”;

10 (3) by striking “exportation or”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraphs:

13 “(2) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXPORTATION OF
14 NATURAL GAS.—

1 “(A) PROHIBITION.—No person may export
2 any natural gas from the United States to a foreign
3 country without first having secured an order of the
4 Secretary of Energy authorizing such person to do
5 so.

6 “(B) ISSUANCE OF ORDERS.—The Secretary of
7 Energy may issue an order authorizing a person to
8 export natural gas from the United States to a for-
9 eign country, upon application, if the Secretary de-
10 termines that the proposed exportation will be con-
11 sistent with the public interest, in accordance with
12 the regulations issued under paragraph (3)(B). The
13 Secretary may by order grant such application, in
14 whole or in part, with such modification and upon
15 such terms and conditions as the Secretary may find
16 necessary or appropriate.

17 “(C) TIMING.—No order may be issued by the
18 Secretary of Energy under this paragraph prior to
19 the date on which the Secretary issues final regula-
20 tions under paragraph (3)(B).

21 “(3) PUBLIC INTEREST DETERMINATION.—

22 “(A) NEPA REVIEW.—The Secretary of Energy
23 shall issue a detailed statement under section
24 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act
25 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)) of the environ-

1 mental impact of the issuance of orders under para-
2 graph (2), including by conducting an analysis of the
3 impacts of extraction of exported natural gas on the
4 environment in communities where the natural gas
5 is extracted.

6 “(B) REGULATIONS.—

7 “(i) DEADLINE.—Not later than 2 years
8 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
9 the Secretary of Energy shall issue final regula-
10 tions, after notice and public comment, for de-
11 termining whether an export of natural gas
12 from the United States to a foreign country is
13 in the public interest for purposes of issuing an
14 order under paragraph (2).

15 “(ii) CONTENTS.—Regulations issued
16 under this paragraph shall require the Sec-
17 retary of Energy to determine, with respect to
18 each application for export of natural gas from
19 the United States to a foreign country, whether
20 such export is in the public interest through—

21 “(I) use of the latest available data on
22 current and projected United States nat-
23 ural gas demands, production, and price;

24 “(II) consideration of the effects of
25 such natural gas exports on—

1 “(aa) household and business en-
2 ergy expenditures by electricity and
3 natural gas consumers in the United
4 States;

5 “(bb) the United States economy,
6 jobs, and manufacturing, including
7 such effects on wages, investment,
8 and energy intensive and trade ex-
9 posed industries, as determined by the
10 Secretary;

11 “(cc) the energy security of the
12 United States, including the ability of
13 the United States to reduce its reli-
14 ance on imported oil;

15 “(dd) the conservation of domes-
16 tic natural gas supplies to meet the
17 future energy needs of the United
18 States;

19 “(ee) the potential for natural
20 gas use in the transportation, indus-
21 trial, and electricity sectors of the
22 United States;

23 “(ff) the ability of the United
24 States to reduce greenhouse gas emis-
25 sions;

1 “(gg) the volume of natural gas
2 produced on public lands in the
3 United States, and where such nat-
4 ural gas is consumed;

5 “(hh) domestic natural gas sup-
6 ply and availability, including such ef-
7 fects on pipelines and other infra-
8 structure;

9 “(ii) the balance of trade of the
10 United States; and

11 “(jj) other issues determined rel-
12 evant by the Secretary; and

13 “(III) consideration of the detailed
14 statement issued under subparagraph (A).

15 “(4) EXEMPTIONS.—Paragraph (2) does not apply
16 with respect to any order authorizing the exportation of
17 natural gas if the natural gas that would be exported as
18 a result of the order is exported solely to meet a require-
19 ment imposed pursuant to section 203 of the International
20 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702), sec-
21 tion 5(b) of the Trading with the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C.
22 App. 5(b)), or part B of title II of the Energy Policy and
23 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.). In such cases,

1 the Secretary of Energy may issue such order upon appli-
2 cation without modification or delay.”

