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

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Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. HOEVEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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

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 “Expedited LNG for
5 American Allies Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORTATION OF NAT-**
7 **URAL GAS TO UNITED STATES ALLIES.**

8 Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.
9 717b(c)) is amended—

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

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

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

7 “(2) A foreign country described in this paragraph
8 is—

9 “(A) a nation with which there is in effect a
10 free trade agreement requiring national treatment
11 for trade in natural gas;

12 “(B) a member country of the North Atlantic
13 Treaty Organization;

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

15 “(D) any other foreign country if the Secretary
16 of State, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
17 fense, determines that exportation of natural gas to
18 that foreign country would promote the national se-
19 curity interests of the United States.

20 “(3) The exportation of natural gas to Japan shall
21 be deemed to be consistent with the public interest pursu-
22 ant to paragraph (1), and applications for such expor-
23 tation shall be granted without modification or delay
24 under that paragraph, during only such period as the
25 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, signed at

1 Washington January 19, 1960, and entered into force
2 June 23, 1960 (11 UST 1632; TIAS 4509), between the
3 United States and Japan, remains in effect.”.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply with
6 respect to applications for the authorization to export nat-
7 ural gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15
8 U.S.C. 717b) that are pending on, or filed on or after,
9 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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