

## Calendar No. 412

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 1981****[Report No. 115–248]**

To amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 18, 2017

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

MAY 10, 2018

Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

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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 “Small Scale LNG Ac-  
5 cess Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORT OF CERTAIN**  
2 **VOLUMES OF NATURAL GAS.**

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

5 (1) by striking “(c) For purposes of” and in-  
6 serting the following:

7 “(c) **EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND APPROVAL**  
8 **PROCESS.**—

9 “(1) **FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS IN EFFECT.**—  
10 For purposes of”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) **SMALL-SCALE NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.**—  
13 For purposes of subsection (a), any application for  
14 the exportation of natural gas in a volume that is  
15 equal to or less than 51,100,000,000 cubic feet per  
16 year of natural gas shall be—

17 “(A) deemed to be consistent with the pub-  
18 lic interest; and

19 “(B) granted without modification or  
20 delay.

21 “(3) **EXCLUSIONS.**—Paragraphs (1) and (2)  
22 shall not apply to any nation subject to sanctions  
23 imposed by the United States.”.



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