

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 626

To provide relief from unfair interest and penalties on refunds retroactively ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 16, 1999

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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. LIABILITY OF CERTAIN NATURAL GAS PRO-**  
4       **DUCERS.**

5       The Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3301  
6       et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 603. LIABILITY OF CERTAIN NATURAL GAS PRO-**  
2 **DUCERS.**

3 “If the Commission orders any refund of any rate or  
4 charge made, demanded, or received for reimbursement of  
5 State ad valorem taxes in connection with the sale of nat-  
6 ural gas before 1989, the refund shall be ordered to be  
7 made without interest or penalty of any kind.”.

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