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H. R. 4025

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2012

Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. HOLT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Keep American Nat-
5 ural Gas Here Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NO FOREIGN SALES OF NATURAL GAS PRODUCED**
2 **ON FEDERAL LANDS.**

3 The Secretary of the Interior may accept bids on any
4 new oil and gas leases of Federal lands (including sub-
5 merged lands) under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
6 181 et seq.) or the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
7 (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) only from bidders certifying that
8 all natural gas produced pursuant to such leases shall be
9 offered for sale only in the United States.

10 **SEC. 3. NO FOREIGN SALES OF NATURAL GAS TRANS-**
11 **PORTED OVER FEDERAL PIPELINE RIGHTS-**
12 **OF-WAY.**

13 Section 28(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
14 185(a)) is amended—

15 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”; and

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

17 “(2) A new right-of-way for a natural gas pipeline
18 may not be granted under this section unless the applicant
19 for the right-of-way certifies that all natural gas that is
20 transported via such pipeline shall be offered for sale only
21 in the United States.”.

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