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To amend the Natural Gas Act to promote economic growth and job creation in the United States, to strengthen strategic partnerships with allies of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 2014

Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “American Job Creation
5 and Strategic Alliances LNG Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORTATION OF NAT-**
 2 **URAL GAS TO WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**
 3 **MEMBER COUNTRIES.**

4 Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.
 5 717b(c)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “(c) For purposes” and insert-
 7 ing the following:

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

10 “(1) DEFINITION OF WORLD TRADE ORGANIZA-
 11 TION MEMBER COUNTRY.—In this subsection, the
 12 term ‘World Trade Organization member country’
 13 has the meaning given the term ‘WTO member
 14 country’ in section 2 of the Uruguay Round Agree-
 15 ments Act (19 U.S.C. 3501).

16 “(2) EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND APPROVAL
 17 PROCESS.—For purposes”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (2) (as so designated), by in-
 19 serting “or to a World Trade Organization member
 20 country” after “trade in natural gas”.

21 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply to
 23 applications for the authorization to export natural gas
 24 under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)

- 1 that are pending on, or filed on or after, the date of enact-
- 2 ment of this Act.

