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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for continued energy self-sufficiency at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Fort Knox Energy Se-
5 curity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, TREATMENT, MANAGE-**
7 **MENT, AND USE, FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 449 of title 10, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end of the fol-
10 lowing:

1 **“§ 4781. Natural gas production, treatment, manage-**
2 **ment, and use, Fort Knox, Kentucky**

3 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Army (re-
4 ferred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’) may provide,
5 by contract or otherwise, for the production, treatment,
6 management, and use of natural gas located under Fort
7 Knox, Kentucky, without regard to section 3 of the Min-
8 eral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 352).

9 “(b) **LIMITATION ON USES.**—Any natural gas pro-
10 duced pursuant to subsection (a)—

11 “(1) may only be used to support activities and
12 operations at Fort Knox; and

13 “(2) may not be sold for use elsewhere.

14 “(c) **OWNERSHIP OF FACILITIES.**—The Secretary
15 may take ownership of any gas production and treatment
16 equipment and facilities and associated infrastructure
17 from a contractor in accordance with the terms of a con-
18 tract or other agreement entered into pursuant to sub-
19 section (a).

20 “(d) **NO APPLICATION ELSEWHERE.**—

21 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The authority provided by
22 this section applies only with respect to Fort Knox,
23 Kentucky.

24 “(2) **EFFECT OF SECTION.**—Nothing in this
25 section authorizes the production, treatment, man-
26 agement, or use of natural gas resources underlying

1 any Department of Defense installation other than
2 Fort Knox.

3 “(e) APPLICABILITY.—The authority of the Secretary
4 under this section is effective beginning on August 2,
5 2007.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 of chapter 449 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
8 by adding at the end the following:

“4781. Natural gas production, treatment, management, and use, Fort Knox,
Kentucky.”.

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