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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HECK (for himself and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Protect European En-  
5       ergy Security Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2       Congress finds the following:

3               (1) The Russian Federation is proposing to  
4       construct a gas pipeline from Russia to Germany,  
5       named the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, the completion  
6       of which could address potential increases in Euro-  
7       pean energy consumption but also increase Euro-  
8       pean dependence on Russian energy and have destab-  
9       ilizing effects on the Government of Ukraine if  
10      Ukraine loses energy transit fees as a result of con-  
11      struction of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

12               (2) According to experts, the Nord Stream 2  
13      pipeline would transport 80 percent of Russia's cur-  
14      rent gas exports to Europe through one single pipe-  
15      line system, which would run counter to the Euro-  
16      pean Union energy policy of energy security and di-  
17      versification of supply.

18               (3) Section 257(a) of the Countering America's  
19      Adversaries through Sanctions Act of 2017 (Public  
20      Law 115–44; 22 U.S.C. 9546(a)) states in part that  
21      it is the policy of the United States—

22                       (A) “to work with European Union mem-  
23      ber states and European Union institutions to  
24      promote energy security through developing di-  
25      versified and liberalized energy markets that

1           provide diversified sources, suppliers, and  
2           routes”; and

3                 (B) “to continue to oppose [the Nord  
4                 Stream 2 pipeline] given its detrimental im-  
5                 pacts on the European Union’s energy security,  
6                 gas market development in Central and Eastern  
7                 Europe, and energy reforms in Ukraine”.

8                 (4) On January 27, 2018, then-Secretary of  
9                 State Rex Tillerson stated, “[T]he United States op-  
10                 poses the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. We see it as un-  
11                 dermining Europe’s overall energy security and sta-  
12                 bility . . .”. Tillerson further stated that the pipe-  
13                 line would allow Putin to use energy as a “political  
14                 tool”.

15                 (5) On March 11, 2018, German chancellor An-  
16                 gela Merkel acknowledged “political” and “stra-  
17                 tegic” concerns regarding the Nord Stream 2 pipe-  
18                 line and stated that the pipeline “is not just an eco-  
19                 nomic project, but that, of course, political factors  
20                 must also be taken into account”.

21                 (6) Gazprom, a Russian energy company, is  
22                 controlled by the Government of the Russian Fed-  
23                 eration, which, according to the European Commis-  
24                 sion’s Statement of Objections to Gazprom dated

1       April 22, 2015, has undertaken efforts to use gas as  
2       a weapon of coercion.

3                 (7) The Department of State, led by the Bu-  
4       reau of Energy of Resources, has worked extensively  
5       with allies, including Denmark, to thwart such Rus-  
6       sian efforts.

7       **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8       It is the sense of Congress that the United States  
9       should—

10               (1) continue to oppose construction of the Nord  
11       Stream 2 pipeline and other Russian Federation gas  
12       pipelines in northern Europe; and

13               (2) take affirmative diplomatic steps to halt the  
14       construction of such pipelines.

15       **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

16               (a) REPORT BY SECRETARY OF STATE.—

17               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in  
18       coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury,  
19       shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
20       mittees a report on actions the Department of State  
21       is taking to implement section 257 of the Countering  
22       America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act of  
23       2017 (Public Law 115–44; 22 U.S.C. 9546).

24               (2) ELEMENTS.—The report shall include de-  
25       tails on the following:

11 (B) Diplomatic efforts undertaken by the  
12 Department of State to oppose directly the  
13 Nord Stream 2 pipeline and the Turk Stream  
14 pipeline.

(C) An estimation of European natural gas supply demand from 2019 through 2023.

17 (b) REPORT BY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—

1                             (A) means an entity organized under the  
2                             laws of the United States; and

3                             (B) includes, with respect to the entity, a  
4                             sub entity, parent entity, subsidiary, or any  
5                             other entity.

6         (c) REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTEL-  
7 LIGENCE.—The Director of National Intelligence, in co-  
8 ordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to  
9 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the  
10 impact of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline on—

11                             (1) United States interests and security objec-  
12                             tives;

13                             (2) European energy security and defense pos-  
14                             ture;

15                             (3) Russian influence in Europe; and

16                             (4) Ukraine, including the implications of re-  
17                             ductions in transit fees as a result of Nord Stream  
18                             2 pipeline.

19         (d) FORM.—The reports required by this section shall  
20                             be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a clas-  
21                             sified annex.

22         (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
23 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
24 sional committees” means—

25                             (1) in the House of Representatives—

- 1                         (A) the Committee on Armed Services;
- 2                         (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
- 3                         (C) the Committee on Financial Services;
- 4                         (D) the Committee on Energy and Com-
- 5                         merce; and
- 6                         (E) the Permanent Select Committee on
- 7                         Intelligence; and
- 8                         (2) in the Senate—
- 9                         (A) the Committee on Armed Services;
- 10                         (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations;
- 11                         (C) the Committee on Finance;
- 12                         (D) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
- 13                         and Urban Affairs; and
- 14                         (E) the Select Committee on Intelligence.

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