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H. R. 9008

To increase the size of the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Ms. KUSTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Home Heating Oil
5 Price Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. NORTHEAST HOME HEATING OIL RESERVE.**

7 (a) STRENGTHENING THE NORTHEAST HOME HEAT-
8 ING OIL RESERVE.—Section 181(a) of the Energy Policy
9 and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6250) is amended by
10 striking “2 million” and inserting “4 million”.

1 (b) CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE.—Section 183 of the
2 Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6250b)
3 is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
6 “DEFINITION” and inserting “DEFINITIONS”;

7 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
8 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively
9 (and adjusting the margins accordingly); and

10 (C) by striking “For purposes of this sec-
11 tion a ‘dislocation in the heating oil market’ ”
12 and inserting the following: “For purposes of
13 this section—

14 “(1) the term ‘covered entity’ means—

15 “(A) the People’s Republic of China;

16 “(B) the Democratic People’s Republic of
17 Korea;

18 “(C) the Russian Federation;

19 “(D) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

20 “(E) any other country the government of
21 which is subject to sanctions imposed by the
22 United States; and

23 “(F) any entity owned, controlled, or influ-
24 enced by—

1 “(i) a country referred to in any of
2 subparagraphs (A) through (F); or

3 “(ii) the Chinese Communist Party;
4 and

5 “(2) a ‘dislocation in the heating oil market’”;
6 and

7 (2) in subsection (d)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
9 and inserting a semicolon;

10 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
11 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(4) the Secretary shall prohibit the sale or ex-
14 port of petroleum distillate released under this sec-
15 tion to a covered entity, except that the Secretary
16 may issue a waiver of such prohibition if the Sec-
17 retary certifies that any export or sale authorized
18 pursuant to the waiver is in the national security in-
19 terests of the United States.”.

20 (c) ELIMINATION OF LIMITATION.—Title III of the
21 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Ap-
22 propriations Act, 2012 (division B of the Consolidated Ap-
23 propriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112–74; 125 Stat.
24 869)), is amended, under the Northeast Home Heating
25 Oil Reserve account, by striking “: *Provided further*, That

1 notwithstanding section 181 of the Energy Policy and
2 Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6250), for fiscal year 2012
3 and hereafter, the Reserve shall contain no more than 1
4 million barrels of petroleum distillate”.

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