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[Report No. 116–73]

To amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2019

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. JONES, and Mr. INHOFE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

AUGUST 16, 2019

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of August 1, 2019, by
Ms. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Small Scale LNG Ac-
3 cess Act of 2019”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORT OF CERTAIN**
5 **VOLUMES OF NATURAL GAS.**

6 Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)
7 is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
8 following:

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

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
12 (a), the following shall be deemed to be consistent
13 with the public interest, and applications for such
14 importation or exportation shall be granted without
15 modification or delay:

16 “(A) The importation of the natural gas
17 referred to in subsection (b).

18 “(B) The exportation of natural gas in a
19 volume up to and including 51,750,000,000
20 cubic feet per year.

21 “(C) The exportation of natural gas to a
22 nation with which there is in effect a free trade
23 agreement requiring national treatment for
24 trade in natural gas.

1 “(2) EXCLUSION.—Subparagraphs (B) and (C)
2 of paragraph (1) shall not apply to any nation sub-
3 ject to sanctions imposed by the United States.”.

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