119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION S.

To amend the Natural Gas Act to allow the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve or deny applications for the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of facilities to export or import natural gas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. BRITT, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 "Unlocking Domestic
 5 UNC Detential Act of 2025"
- 5 LNG Potential Act of 2025".

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1	SEC. 2. ADVANCING UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP.
2	Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)
3	is amended—
4	(1) by striking subsections (a) through (c);
5	(2) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), and
6	(f) as subsections (c), (a), and (b), respectively, and
7	reordering accordingly;
8	(3) by striking the section designation and
9	heading and all that follows through the period at
10	the end of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) (as so re-
11	designated) and inserting the following:
12	"SEC. 3. LNG TERMINALS; AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT
13	TO PROHIBIT IMPORTS OR EXPORTS OF NAT-
14	URAL GAS.
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scribed in subparagraph (A), the Federal En-
ergy Regulatory Commission shall deem the im-
portation or exportation of natural gas to be
consistent with the public interest.
"(C) Effect.—Except as specifically pro-
vided in this Act, nothing in this Act affects
otherwise applicable law relating to the author-
ity or responsibility of any Federal agency re-
lating to facilities, including LNG terminals, to
import or export natural gas."; and
(4) by adding at the end the following:
"(d) Rule of Construction Relating to Au-
THORITY TO PROHIBIT IMPORTS OR EXPORTS.—
"(1) Definition of state sponsor of ter-
RORISM.—In this subsection, the term 'state sponsor
of terrorism' means a country the government of
which the Secretary of State determines has repeat-
edly provided support for international terrorism
pursuant to—
"(A) section $1754(c)(1)(A)$ of the Export
Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
4813(c)(1)(A));
"(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assist-
ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

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1	"(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Con-
2	trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or
3	"(D) any other provision of law.
4	"(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
5	this Act limits the authority of the President under
6	the Constitution or any provision of law described in
7	paragraph (3) to prohibit imports or exports.
8	"(3) Provisions of law described.—The
9	provisions of law referred to in paragraph (2) are—
10	"(A) the International Emergency Eco-
11	nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);
12	"(B) the National Emergencies Act (50
13	U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);
14	"(C) part B of title II of the Energy Policy
15	and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.);
16	"(D) the Trading with the Enemy Act (50
17	U.S.C. 4301 et seq.); and
18	"(E) any other provision of law that—
19	"(i) imposes sanctions with respect to
20	a foreign person or foreign government, in-
21	cluding the government of a country that
22	is designated as a state sponsor of ter-
23	rorism; or
24	"(ii) prohibits or restricts United
25	States persons from engaging in a trans-

action with a person or government subject
 to sanctions imposed by the United
 States.".