

HR 7176

Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Feb 15, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (31 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Feb 7, 2024
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Feb 7, 2024
Rep. Self, Keith [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2024
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2024
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	R · TX		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Edwards, Chuck [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Houchin, Erin [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Luttrell, Morgan [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Peltola, Mary Sattler [D-AK-At Large]	D · AK		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Feb 9, 2024
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Fry, Russell [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Hagedorn, Harriet M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2024
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Unknown	Feb 15, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8997	Related bill	Jul 23, 2024: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, the Chair announced further proceedings on H.R. 8997 would be postponed.
118 HRES 1009	Procedurally related	Feb 14, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
118 HR 1130	Related bill	Sep 21, 2023: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 712 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4365, H.R. 1130 and H. Res. 684. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 4365, under a structured rule; H.R. 1130, under a structured rule; and H.Res. 684, under a closed rule. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on all three bills.
118 HR 2811	Related bill	May 4, 2023: Committee on the Budget. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-76.
118 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1.
118 S 947	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 HR 647	Related bill	Feb 10, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security.

Summary (as of Feb 15, 2024)

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This bill repeals certain restrictions on the import and export of natural gas under the Natural Gas Act, including requirements for Department of Energy (DOE) approval and related provisions that address free trade agreements.

In addition, the bill grants the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) the exclusive authority to approve or deny applications to authorize the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of facilities (e.g., liquefied natural gas terminals) to export natural gas to foreign countries or import natural gas from foreign countries. (Currently, DOE authorizes the export or import of natural gas, and FERC authorizes related facilities.)

In determining whether to approve or deny an application, FERC must deem the exportation or importation of natural gas to be consistent with the public interest.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 15, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1009. (consideration: CR H649-659)
- **Feb 15, 2024:** The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 7176 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit.
- **Feb 15, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 7176.
- **Feb 15, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Feb 15, 2024:** Mrs. Watson Coleman moved to recommit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H659)
- **Feb 15, 2024:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Feb 15, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 7176, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Watson Coleman demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 15, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H660-661)
- **Feb 15, 2024:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 209 - 213 (Roll no. 51).
- **Feb 15, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 224 - 200 (Roll no. 52). (text: CR H649)
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- **Feb 15, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 14, 2024:** Rule H. Res. 1009 passed House.
- **Feb 13, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1009 Reported to House. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 7176 under a closed rule with one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit.
- **Jan 31, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 31, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.