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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. FLETCHER 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 “American Gas for Al-
5 lies Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY TREATMENT OF CERTAIN APPLICA-**
2 **TIONS FOR THE EXPORTATION OF NATURAL**
3 **GAS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period described in
5 subsection (c) of this section, for purposes of section 3(a)
6 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(a)), the expor-
7 tation of natural gas to a foreign country described in sub-
8 section (b) of this section shall be deemed to be consistent
9 with the public interest, and applications for such expor-
10 tation shall be granted without modification or delay.

11 (b) FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—A foreign country de-
12 scribed in this subsection is—

13 (1) a member country of the North Atlantic
14 Treaty Organization; or

15 (2) any other foreign country, if the Secretary
16 of State, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
17 fense and the Secretary of Energy, determines that
18 exportation of natural gas to that foreign country
19 would promote the national security interests of the
20 United States.

21 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with re-
22 spect to applications for the authorization to export nat-
23 ural gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15
24 U.S.C. 717b) to a foreign country described in subsection
25 (b) of this section that are pending on the date of enact-
26 ment of this Act, or filed during the period that begins

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- 1 on such date of enactment and ends on the date that is
- 2 3 years after such date of enactment.

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