

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To support efforts of countries in Europe and Eurasia to decrease their dependence on Russian sources of energy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) _____

To counter the influence of the Russian Federation in Europe and Eurasia, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. BARRASSO
(for himself and Mr. MURPHY) to the amendment (No.
DAV17782) proposed by Mr. BARRASSO

Viz:

1 On page 3, line 7, of the amendment, strike “expe-
2 dite” and insert “prioritize”.

3 On page 3, line 8, of the amendment, strike “, espe-
4 cially liquefied natural gas,”.

5 On page 4, line 6, of the amendment, strike “geo-
6 physical survey work” and insert “geophysical and mete-
7 orological work as needed”.

1 On page 5 of the amendment, beginning on line 10,
2 strike “supplies; and” and all that follows through line 12
3 and insert the following: “supplies;

4 (K) repair of power generating or power
5 transmission equipment or facilities; and

6 (L) improved building energy efficiency
7 and other measures designed to reduce energy
8 demand in Ukraine.

9 On page 5, strike line 14 and insert the following:

10 (A) IMPLEMENTATION OF UKRAINE FREE-
11 DOM SUPPORT ACT OF 2014 PROVISIONS.—Not
12 later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
14 submit to the appropriate congressional com-
15 mittees a report detailing the status of imple-
16 menting the provisions required under section
17 7(e) of the Ukraine Freedom Support Act of
18 2014 (Public Law 113–272), including detailing
19 the plans required under that section, the level
20 of funding that has been allocated to and ex-
21 pended for the strategies set forth under that
22 section, and progress that has been made in im-
23 plementing the strategies developed pursuant to
24 that section.

1 (B) REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
2 NEW REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 180

3 On page 6 of the amendment, between lines 18 and
4 19, insert the following:

5 (c) SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF COUNTRIES IN EU-
6 ROPE AND EURASIA TO DECREASE THEIR DEPENDENCE
7 ON RUSSIAN SOURCES OF ENERGY.—

8 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following
9 findings:

10 (A) The Government of the Russian Fed-
11 eration uses its strong position in the energy
12 sector as leverage to manipulate the internal
13 politics and foreign relations of the countries of
14 Europe and Eurasia.

15 (B) This influence is based not only on the
16 Russian Federation's oil and natural gas re-
17 sources, but also on its state-owned nuclear
18 power and electricity companies.

19 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
20 Congress that—

21 (A) the United States should assist the ef-
22 forts of the countries of Europe and Eurasia to
23 enhance their energy security through diver-
24 sification of energy supplies in order to lessen

1 dependencies on Russian Federation energy re-
2 sources and state-owned entities; and

3 (B) the Export-Import Bank of the United
4 States and the Overseas Private Investment
5 Corporation should play key roles in supporting
6 critical energy projects that contribute to that
7 goal.

8 (3) USE OF COUNTERING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE
9 FUND TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—
10 Amounts in the Countering Russian Influence Fund
11 pursuant to section 5 shall be used to provide tech-
12 nical advice to countries described in subsection
13 (c)(1) of such section designed to enhance energy se-
14 curity and lessen dependence on energy from Rus-
15 sian Federation sources.

16 On page 6, line 21, of the amendment, strike
17 “through 2020” and insert “and 2019.”

18 At the end, add the following:

19 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
20 tion shall be construed as affecting the responsibilities re-
21 quired and authorities provided under section 7 of the
22 Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–
23 272).