



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 566**

January Session, 2025

Substitute House Resolution No. 9

*House of Representatives, April 7, 2025*

The House Committee on Commerce reported through REP. MESKERS of the 150th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute resolution ought to be adopted.

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE JONES ACT TO EXEMPT THE TRANSPORTATION OF DOMESTIC LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.**

Resolved by this House:

1 WHEREAS, Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, more  
2 commonly referred to as the Jones Act, requires that any vessel  
3 transporting cargo shipped from one United States port to another be  
4 built in the United States, owned by United States citizens, crewed  
5 predominately by United States citizens and flagged in the United  
6 States;

7 WHEREAS, Congress enacted the Jones Act to support military  
8 readiness and to support the shipbuilding and seafaring industries;

9 WHEREAS, although the Jones Act is well-intentioned, the act has  
10 had unintended consequences on Connecticut and Puerto Rico;

11 WHEREAS, approximately sixty-five per cent of the electricity  
12 generated in Connecticut, and twenty-three per cent of the electricity

13 generated in Puerto Rico, is from natural gas;

14 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of Jones Act-compliant natural gas  
15 tanker vessels available to transport liquefied natural gas between  
16 United States ports;

17 WHEREAS, the United States is the largest liquefied natural gas  
18 exporter in the world, but the Jones Act effectively limits the amount of  
19 domestic imports of critical goods such as liquefied natural gas between  
20 domestic ports, including Connecticut and Puerto Rico;

21 WHEREAS, the Jones Act has been cited as increasing the cost of  
22 liquefied natural gas by as much as thirty per cent;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut General  
24 Assembly calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass  
25 legislation to exempt the transportation of domestic liquefied natural  
26 gas between United States ports from the Jones Act; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the House of  
28 Representatives cause a copy of this resolution be sent to each member  
29 of the Connecticut congressional delegation.

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In the sixth paragraph, "like" was changed to "such as" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

***CE***        *House Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The resolution memorializes Congress to amend the Jones Act to exempt the transportation of domestic liquified natural gas resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

House Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/20/2025)