



General Assembly

Substitute House Resolution No. 9

January Session, 2025



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.*