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H. R. 9410

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 5, 1975

Mr. STAGGERS (for himself and Mr. DEVINE) (by request) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Natural Gas Act.

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. The Congress hereby determines that—

4 (a) domestic supplies of natural gas available for
5 interstate commerce are not sufficient to meet present
6 and anticipated national and regional needs;

7 (b) shortages of natural gas have created and are
8 likely, in the near future, to continue to create severe
9 economic dislocations and hardships;

10 (c) such shortages have jeopardized the normal
11 flow of commerce and constitute a supply crisis which

1 is a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare;
2 and

3 (d) such shortages can, in part, be alleviated by
4 granting the Federal Power Commission emergency
5 authority to exempt temporarily certain activities and
6 operations relating to the sale, transportation, transfer,
7 or exchange in interstate commerce of natural gas or
8 of commingled natural gas and synthetic natural gas,
9 from the provisions of the Natural Gas Act.

10 SEC. 2. That Section 7 (c) of the Natural Gas Act is
11 amended by adding at the end of such section the following:

12 *Provided further*, That within fifteen days after the passage
13 of this amendment, the Commission may by regulation
14 exempt from the provisions of this Act any activities or op-
15 erations relating to the transportation, sale, transfer or ex-
16 change of natural gas, or of commingled natural and synthe-
17 tic natural gas, or of liquefied natural gas, from any source
18 other than Federal domain areas, by a producer, an inter-
19 state pipeline, intrastate pipeline or distributor, to or with an
20 interstate natural gas pipeline company which does not have
21 a sufficient supply of natural gas to fulfill its firm contractual
22 requirements or interruptible requirements for residential,
23 commercial or industrial needs for plant protection, feedstock
24 or process uses for which no alternate fuel is available, and
25 which is curtailing deliveries pursuant to a curtailment plan

1 on file with the Commission, or to or with any purchaser or
2 consumer of natural gas which has been purchased from such
3 a pipeline, directly or indirectly. No exemption granted un-
4 der this proviso shall exceed one hundred and eighty days
5 in duration.

REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE
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BY THE SECRETARY AND MR. DEAN
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H. R. 2410

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