

**AMENDMENT TO ENERGY AND WATER
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. ALEXANDER OF LOUISIANA AND
MR. RYAN OF OHIO**

At the appropriate place on page 99 of the Committee Report, insert the following:

Natural Gas Export Applications.—The Committee is concerned about the process and backlog at the Department of Energy for considering pending applications for natural gas export. Under current Department processes, the application for export to free trade agreement (FTA) countries is handled quickly and without objection. However, the Department's handling of export applications to non-FTA countries has been prone to lengthy delays, with only two applications approved to date. The Committee notes that multiple applications have been pending at the Department for more than two years, and that the Department has not identified a plan to expeditiously process the remaining applications for export to non-FTA countries. The Committee supports a clearly communicated, timely process to make an appropriate determination on each of the pending applications at the Department and directs the Secretary to submit

to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, its plan to finish consideration of all applications filed with the Department.

At the appropriate place on page 148 of the Committee Report, insert the following:

Natural Gas Export Project Consideration.—The Committee is concerned with the pace of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s consideration of natural gas export projects, including the use of “tolling orders” to extend statutory deadlines. The Committee supports a clearly communicated, expedited process to make an appropriate determination on each of the pending applications and directs the Commission to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, its plan to finish consideration of all applications filed with the Commission.

