

Russian National Emergency Declaration and Energy Importation Prohibition Act

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Vladimir Putin has used energy as a weapon of war. Russia's actions demand a fundamental rethinking of American national security and our national and international energy policy, which currently support the Russian Federation by allowing the purchase and import of their energy resources. The United States imported an average of 670,000 barrels of oil and petroleum products per day in 2021, with a high of 848,000 barrels per day in June 2021, with imports up 24% in 2021 over 2020. The U.S. has also imported Russian liquefied natural gas (LNG) despite having some of the largest reserves in our backyard. This puts our national security at risk and supports Putin's ability to stay in power, and these imports must stop immediately.

Senator Manchin and Murkowski's *Russian National Emergency Declaration and Energy Importation Prohibition Act* would prohibit the importation of Russian crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products and LNG.

Specifically, the bill:

- ***Declares a national emergency*** with respect to Russian aggression against Ukraine and the threat to our national security, foreign policy, and economy and directs the President to the authority he has had since 1917 to prohibit imports of crude oil, petroleum, petroleum products and LNG from Russia.
- This approach is modeled on the International Emergency Economic Powers Act which applies to emergencies declared under the National Emergencies Act.
- The ban would be in place ***during the national emergency*** and either the President or Congress would be able to terminate the emergency and the import ban.
- The bill allows for product that is already loaded for transit or in transit at the time of enactment to enter the U.S.