

(ii) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(c) Supporting efforts of countries in Europe and Eurasia to decrease their dependence on Russian sources of energy

(1) Findings

Congress makes the following findings:

(A) The Government of the Russian Federation uses its strong position in the energy sector as leverage to manipulate the internal politics and foreign relations of the countries of Europe and Eurasia.

(B) This influence is based not only on the Russian Federation's oil and natural gas resources, but also on its state-owned nuclear power and electricity companies.

(2) Sense of Congress

It is the sense of Congress that—

(A) the United States should assist the efforts of the countries of Europe and Eurasia to enhance their energy security through diversification of energy supplies in order to lessen dependencies on Russian Federation energy resources and state-owned entities; and

(B) the Export-Import Bank of the United States and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation should play key roles in supporting critical energy projects that contribute to that goal.

(3) Use of Countering Russian Influence Fund to provide technical assistance

Amounts in the Countering Russian Influence Fund pursuant to section 9543 of this title shall be used to provide technical advice to countries described in subsection (b)(1) of such section designed to enhance energy security and lessen dependence on energy from Russian Federation sources.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated for the Department of State a total of \$30,000,000 for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to carry out the strategies set forth in subsection (b)(2) and other activities under this section related to the promotion of energy security in Ukraine.

(e) Rule of construction

Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the responsibilities required and authorities provided under section 7 of the Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C. 8926).

(Pub. L. 115-44, title II, §257, Aug. 2, 2017, 131 Stat. 931; Pub. L. 115-254, div. F, title VI, §1470(t), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3519.)

AMENDMENT OF SUBSECTION (c)(2)(B)

Pub. L. 115-254, div. F, title VI, §1470(t), (w), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3519, provided that, effective at the end of the transition period, as defined in section 9681 of this title, subsection (c)(2)(B) of this section is amended by striking "Overseas Private Investment Corporation" and inserting "United States International Development Finance Corporation". See 2018 Amendment note below.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014, referred to in subsec. (b)(3)(A), is Pub. L. 113-272, Dec. 18, 2014, 128

Stat. 2952, which is classified generally to chapter 96A (§8921 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8921 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 115-254 substituted "United States International Development Finance Corporation" for "Overseas Private Investment Corporation".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-254 effective at the end of the transition period, as defined in section 9681 of this title, see section 1470(w) of Pub. L. 115-254, set out as a note under section 905 of Title 2, The Congress.

§ 9547. Termination

The provisions of this subchapter shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after August 2, 2017.

(Pub. L. 115-44, title II, §258, Aug. 2, 2017, 131 Stat. 934.)

§ 9548. Appropriate congressional committees defined

Except as otherwise provided, in this subchapter, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Financial Services, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 115-44, title II, §259, Aug. 2, 2017, 131 Stat. 934.)

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