

1 **SEC. 610. EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.**

2 (a) *OTHER AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION.*—*Noth-*  
 3 *ing in this title shall be construed to limit or affect in any*  
 4 *way the Commission’s authority to bring enforcement ac-*  
 5 *tions or take any other measure under the Federal Trade*  
 6 *Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) or any other provi-*  
 7 *sion of law.*

8 (b) *STATE LAW.*—*Nothing in this title preempts any*  
 9 *State law.*

10 **TITLE VII—ENERGY DIPLOMACY**  
 11 **AND SECURITY**

12 **SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE.**

13 *This title may be cited as the “Energy Diplomacy and*  
 14 *Security Act of 2007”.*

15 **SEC. 702. DEFINITIONS.**

16 *In this title:*

17 (1) *MAJOR ENERGY PRODUCER.*—*The term*  
 18 *“major energy producer” means a country that—*

19 (A) *had crude oil, oil sands, or natural gas*  
 20 *to liquids production of 1,000,000 barrels per*  
 21 *day or greater average in the previous year;*

22 (B) *has crude oil, shale oil, or oil sands re-*  
 23 *serves of 6,000,000,000 barrels or greater, as rec-*  
 24 *ognized by the Department of Energy;*

1           (C) had natural gas production of  
2           30,000,000,000 cubic meters or greater in the  
3           previous year;

4           (D) has natural gas reserves of  
5           1,250,000,000,000 cubic meters or greater, as rec-  
6           ognized by the Department of Energy; or

7           (E) is a direct supplier of natural gas or  
8           liquefied natural gas to the United States.

9           (2) **MAJOR ENERGY CONSUMER.**—The term  
10          “major energy consumer” means a country that—

11           (A) had an oil consumption average of  
12           1,000,000 barrels per day or greater in the pre-  
13           vious year;

14           (B) had an oil consumption growth rate of  
15           8 percent or greater in the previous year;

16           (C) had a natural gas consumption of  
17           30,000,000,000 cubic meters or greater in the  
18           previous year; or

19           (D) had a natural gas consumption growth  
20           rate of 15 percent or greater in the previous  
21           year.

22 **SEC. 703. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ENERGY DIPLOMACY**  
23 **AND SECURITY.**

24          (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) *It is imperative to the national security and*  
2           *prosperity of the United States to have reliable, af-*  
3           *fordable, clean, sufficient, and sustainable sources of*  
4           *energy.*

5           (2) *United States dependence on oil imports*  
6           *causes tremendous costs to the United States national*  
7           *security, economy, foreign policy, military, and envi-*  
8           *ronmental sustainability.*

9           (3) *Energy security is a priority for the govern-*  
10          *ments of many foreign countries and increasingly*  
11          *plays a central role in the relations of the United*  
12          *States Government with foreign governments. Global*  
13          *reserves of oil and natural gas are concentrated in a*  
14          *small number of countries. Access to these oil and*  
15          *natural gas supplies depends on the political will of*  
16          *these producing states. Competition between govern-*  
17          *ments for access to oil and natural gas reserves can*  
18          *lead to economic, political, and armed conflict. Oil*  
19          *exporting states have received dramatically increased*  
20          *revenues due to high global prices, enhancing the abil-*  
21          *ity of some of these states to act in a manner threat-*  
22          *ening to global stability.*

23          (4) *Efforts to combat poverty and protect the en-*  
24          *vironment are hindered by the continued predomi-*  
25          *nance of oil and natural gas in meeting global energy*

1 *needs. Development of renewable energy through sus-*  
2 *tainable practices will help lead to a reduction in*  
3 *greenhouse gas emissions and enhance international*  
4 *development.*

5 (5) *Cooperation on energy issues between the*  
6 *United States Government and the governments of*  
7 *foreign countries is critical for securing the strategic*  
8 *and economic interests of the United States and of*  
9 *partner governments. In the current global energy sit-*  
10 *uation, the energy policies and activities of the gov-*  
11 *ernments of foreign countries can have dramatic im-*  
12 *pacts on United States energy security.*

13 (b) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*  
14 *that—*

15 (1) *United States national security requires that*  
16 *the United States Government have an energy policy*  
17 *that pursues the strategic goal of achieving energy se-*  
18 *curity through access to clean, affordable, sufficient,*  
19 *reliable, and sustainable sources of energy;*

20 (2) *achieving energy security is a priority for*  
21 *United States foreign policy and requires continued*  
22 *and enhanced engagement with foreign governments*  
23 *and entities in a variety of areas, including activities*  
24 *relating to the promotion of alternative and renewable*  
25 *fuels, trade and investment in oil, coal, and natural*

1 *gas, energy efficiency, climate and environmental pro-*  
2 *tection, data transparency, advanced scientific re-*  
3 *search, public-private partnerships, and energy ac-*  
4 *tivities in international development;*

5 *(3) the President should ensure that the inter-*  
6 *national energy activities of the United States Gov-*  
7 *ernment are given clear focus to support the national*  
8 *security needs of the United States, and to this end,*  
9 *there should be established a mechanism to coordinate*  
10 *the implementation of United States international en-*  
11 *ergy policy among the Federal agencies engaged in*  
12 *relevant agreements and activities; and*

13 *(4) the Secretary of State should ensure that en-*  
14 *ergy security is integrated into the core mission of the*  
15 *Department of State, and to this end, there should be*  
16 *established within the Office of the Secretary of State*  
17 *a Coordinator for International Energy Affairs with*  
18 *responsibility for—*

19 *(A) developing United States international*  
20 *energy policy in coordination with the Depart-*  
21 *ment of Energy and other relevant Federal agen-*  
22 *cies;*

23 *(B) working with appropriate United*  
24 *States Government officials to develop and up-*

1           *date analyses of the national security implica-*  
2           *tions of global energy developments;*

3                   *(C) incorporating energy security priorities*  
4           *into the activities of the Department;*

5                   *(D) coordinating activities with relevant*  
6           *Federal agencies; and*

7                   *(E) coordinating energy security and other*  
8           *relevant functions currently undertaken by of-*  
9           *fices within the Bureau of Economic, Business,*  
10          *and Agricultural Affairs, the Bureau of Democ-*  
11          *cracy and Global Affairs, and other offices within*  
12          *the Department of State.*

13           *(5) the Department of Energy should be des-*  
14          *ignated as the lead United States Government agency*  
15          *in charge of formulating and coordinating the na-*  
16          *tional energy security policy of the United States,*  
17          *and in furtherance of these goals, there should be es-*  
18          *tablished within the Department of Energy an Assist-*  
19          *ant Secretary of Energy for Energy Security whose*  
20          *responsibilities should include—*

21                   *(A) directing the development of the na-*  
22          *tional energy security strategy of the United*  
23          *States;*

24                   *(B) coordinating the national energy secu-*  
25          *rity policy of the United States with the Depart-*

1           *ment of Defense, the Department of State, and*  
2           *the National Security Council, as appropriate,*  
3           *to address the impact of, and integrate national*  
4           *security and foreign policy on, the national en-*  
5           *ergy security policy of the United States;*

6           (C) *monitoring international and domestic*  
7           *energy developments to gauge their impact on the*  
8           *national energy security policy of the United*  
9           *States and implementing changes in such policy*  
10          *as necessary to maintain the national security*  
11          *and energy security of the United States;*

12          (D) *identifying foreign sources of energy*  
13          *critical to the national energy security of the*  
14          *United States and developing strategies in con-*  
15          *junction with the Department of State for ensur-*  
16          *ing United States access to critical foreign en-*  
17          *ergy resources;*

18          (E) *developing strategies for reducing*  
19          *United States dependence on foreign sources of*  
20          *energy, including demand reduction, efficiency*  
21          *improvement, and development of alternative*  
22          *and new sources of domestic energy; and*

23          (F) *developing strategies in conjunction*  
24          *with the Department of State for working with*  
25          *major international producers and consumers,*

1           *including China, Russia, the European Union,*  
2           *and Africa, to minimize politicization of global*  
3           *energy resources while ensuring access through*  
4           *global energy markets.*

5 **SEC. 704. STRATEGIC ENERGY PARTNERSHIPS.**

6           *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:*

7                   *(1) United States Government partnership with*  
8           *foreign governments and entities, including partner-*  
9           *ship with the private sector, for securing reliable and*  
10           *sustainable energy is imperative to ensuring United*  
11           *States security and economic interests, promoting*  
12           *international peace and security, expanding inter-*  
13           *national development, supporting democratic reform,*  
14           *fostering economic growth, and safeguarding the envi-*  
15           *ronment.*

16                   *(2) Democracy and freedom should be promoted*  
17           *globally by partnership with foreign governments, in-*  
18           *cluding in particular governments of emerging democ-*  
19           *racies such as those of Ukraine and Georgia, in their*  
20           *efforts to reduce their dependency on oil and natural*  
21           *gas imports.*

22                   *(3) The United States Government and the gov-*  
23           *ernments of foreign countries have common needs for*  
24           *adequate, reliable, affordable, clean, and sustainable*  
25           *energy in order to ensure national security, economic*

1 *growth, and high standards of living in their coun-*  
2 *tries. Cooperation by the United States Government*  
3 *with foreign governments on meeting energy security*  
4 *needs is mutually beneficial. United States Govern-*  
5 *ment partnership with foreign governments should in-*  
6 *clude cooperation with major energy consuming coun-*  
7 *tries, major energy producing countries, and other*  
8 *governments seeking to advance global energy security*  
9 *through reliable and sustainable means.*

10 *(4) The United States Government participates*  
11 *in hundreds of bilateral and multilateral energy*  
12 *agreements and activities with foreign governments*  
13 *and entities. These agreements and activities should*  
14 *reflect the strategic need for energy security.*

15 *(b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the*  
16 *United States—*

17 *(1) to advance global energy security through co-*  
18 *operation with foreign governments and entities;*

19 *(2) to promote reliable, diverse, and sustainable*  
20 *sources of all types of energy;*

21 *(3) to increase global availability of renewable*  
22 *and clean sources of energy;*

23 *(4) to decrease global dependence on oil and nat-*  
24 *ural gas energy sources; and*

1           (5) *to engage in energy cooperation to strengthen*  
2           *strategic partnerships that advance peace, security,*  
3           *and democratic prosperity.*

4           (c) *AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary of State, in coordina-*  
5           *tion with the Secretary of Energy, should immediately seek*  
6           *to establish and expand strategic energy partnerships with*  
7           *the governments of major energy producers and major en-*  
8           *ergy consumers, and with governments of other countries*  
9           *(but excluding any countries that are ineligible to receive*  
10           *United States economic or military assistance).*

11           (d) *PURPOSES.*—*The purposes of the strategic energy*  
12           *partnerships established pursuant to subsection (c) are—*

13                   (1) *to strengthen global relationships to promote*  
14                   *international peace and security through fostering co-*  
15                   *operation in the energy sector on a mutually bene-*  
16                   *ficial basis in accordance with respective national en-*  
17                   *ergy policies;*

18                   (2) *to promote the policy set forth in subsection*  
19                   *(b), including activities to advance—*

20                           (A) *the mutual understanding of each coun-*  
21                           *try's energy needs, priorities, and policies, in-*  
22                           *cluding interparliamentary understanding;*

23                           (B) *measures to respond to acute energy*  
24                           *supply disruptions, particularly in regard to pe-*  
25                           *troleum and natural gas resources;*

1           (C) long-term reliability and sustainability  
2           in energy supply;

3           (D) the safeguarding and safe handling of  
4           nuclear fuel;

5           (E) human and environmental protection;

6           (F) renewable energy production;

7           (G) access to reliable and affordable energy  
8           for underdeveloped areas, in particular energy  
9           access for the poor;

10          (H) appropriate commercial cooperation;

11          (I) information reliability and trans-  
12          parency; and

13          (J) research and training collaboration;

14          (3) to advance the national security priority of  
15          developing sustainable and clean energy sources, in-  
16          cluding through research and development related to,  
17          and deployment of—

18               (A) renewable electrical energy sources, in-  
19               cluding biomass, wind, and solar;

20               (B) renewable transportation fuels, includ-  
21               ing biofuels;

22               (C) clean coal technologies;

23               (D) carbon sequestration, including in con-  
24               junction with power generation, agriculture, and  
25               forestry; and

1           (E) *energy and fuel efficiency, including*  
2           *hybrids and plug-in hybrids, flexible fuel, ad-*  
3           *vanced composites, hydrogen, and other transpor-*  
4           *tation technologies; and*

5           (4) *to provide strategic focus for current and fu-*  
6           *ture United States Government activities in energy*  
7           *cooperation to meet the global need for energy secu-*  
8           *rity.*

9           (e) *DETERMINATION OF AGENDAS.—In general, the*  
10          *specific agenda with respect to a particular strategic energy*  
11          *partnership, and the Federal agencies designated to imple-*  
12          *ment related activities, shall be determined by the Secretary*  
13          *of State and the Secretary of Energy.*

14          (f) *USE OF CURRENT AGREEMENTS TO ESTABLISH*  
15          *PARTNERSHIPS.—Some or all of the purposes of the stra-*  
16          *tegic energy partnerships established under subsection (c)*  
17          *may be pursued through existing bilateral or multilateral*  
18          *agreements and activities. Such agreements and activities*  
19          *shall be subject to the reporting requirements in subsection*  
20          (i).

21          (g) *REPORTS REQUIRED.—*

22                 (1) *INITIAL PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than*  
23                 *180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*  
24                 *the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate*  
25                 *congressional committees a report on progress made*

1 *in developing the strategic energy partnerships au-*  
2 *thorized under this section.*

3 (2) *ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS.—*

4 (A) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year*  
5 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, and*  
6 *annually thereafter for 20 years, the Secretary of*  
7 *State shall submit to the appropriate congres-*  
8 *sional committees an annual report on agree-*  
9 *ments entered into and activities undertaken*  
10 *pursuant to this section, including international*  
11 *environment activities.*

12 (B) *CONTENT.—Each report submitted*  
13 *under this paragraph shall include details on—*

14 (i) *agreements and activities pursued*  
15 *by the United States Government with for-*  
16 *oreign governments and entities, the imple-*  
17 *mentation plans for such agreements and*  
18 *progress measurement benchmarks, United*  
19 *States Government resources used in pur-*  
20 *suit of such agreements and activities, and*  
21 *legislative changes recommended for im-*  
22 *proved partnership; and*

23 (ii) *policies and actions in the energy*  
24 *sector of partnership countries pertinent to*

1                    *United States economic, security, and envi-*  
2                    *ronmental interests.*

3 **SEC. 705. INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CRISIS RESPONSE**  
4                    **MECHANISMS.**

5                    *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:*

6                    *(1) Cooperation between the United States Gov-*  
7                    *ernment and governments of other countries during*  
8                    *energy crises promotes the national security of the*  
9                    *United States.*

10                    *(2) The participation of the United States in the*  
11                    *International Energy Program established under the*  
12                    *Agreement on an International Energy Program,*  
13                    *done at Paris November 18, 1974 (27 UST 1685), in-*  
14                    *cluding in the coordination of national strategic pe-*  
15                    *troleum reserves, is a national security asset that—*

16                    *(A) protects the consumers and the economy*  
17                    *of the United States in the event of a major dis-*  
18                    *ruption in petroleum supply;*

19                    *(B) maximizes the effectiveness of the*  
20                    *United States strategic petroleum reserve through*  
21                    *cooperation in accessing global reserves of var-*  
22                    *ious petroleum products;*

23                    *(C) provides market reassurance in coun-*  
24                    *tries that are members of the International En-*  
25                    *ergy Program; and*

1           (D) strengthens United States Government  
2           relationships with members of the International  
3           Energy Program.

4           (3) The International Energy Agency projects  
5           that the largest growth in demand for petroleum  
6           products, other than demand from the United States,  
7           will come from China and India, which are not mem-  
8           bers of the International Energy Program. The Gov-  
9           ernments of China and India vigorously pursue access  
10          to global oil reserves and are attempting to develop  
11          national petroleum reserves. Participation of the Gov-  
12          ernments of China and India in an international pe-  
13          troleum reserve mechanism would promote global en-  
14          ergy security, but such participation should be condi-  
15          tional on the Governments of China and India abid-  
16          ing by customary petroleum reserve management  
17          practices.

18          (4) In the Western Hemisphere, only the United  
19          States and Canada are members of the International  
20          Energy Program. The vulnerability of most Western  
21          Hemisphere countries to supply disruptions from po-  
22          litical, natural, or terrorism causes may introduce in-  
23          stability in the hemisphere and can be a source of  
24          conflict, despite the existence of major oil reserves in  
25          the hemisphere.

1           (5) *Countries that are not members of the Inter-*  
2           *national Energy Program and are unable to main-*  
3           *tain their own national strategic reserves are vulner-*  
4           *able to petroleum supply disruption. Disruption in*  
5           *petroleum supply and spikes in petroleum costs could*  
6           *devastate the economies of developing countries and*  
7           *could cause internal or interstate conflict.*

8           (6) *The involvement of the United States Govern-*  
9           *ment in the extension of international mechanisms to*  
10          *coordinate strategic petroleum reserves and the exten-*  
11          *sion of other emergency preparedness measures should*  
12          *strengthen the current International Energy Program.*

13          (b) *ENERGY CRISIS RESPONSE MECHANISMS WITH*  
14          *INDIA AND CHINA.—*

15               (1) *AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of State, in co-*  
16               *ordination with the Secretary of Energy, should im-*  
17               *mediately seek to establish a petroleum crisis response*  
18               *mechanism or mechanisms with the Governments of*  
19               *China and India.*

20               (2) *SCOPE.—The mechanism or mechanisms es-*  
21               *tablished under paragraph (1) should include—*

22                       (A) *technical assistance in the development*  
23                       *and management of national strategic petroleum*  
24                       *reserves;*

1           (B) agreements for coordinating drawdowns  
2           of strategic petroleum reserves with the United  
3           States, conditional upon reserve holdings and  
4           management conditions established by the Sec-  
5           retary of Energy;

6           (C) emergency demand restraint measures;

7           (D) fuel switching preparedness and alter-  
8           native fuel production capacity; and

9           (E) ongoing demand intensity reduction  
10          programs.

11          (3) *USE OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS TO ESTAB-*  
12          *LISH MECHANISM.*—The Secretary may, after con-  
13          sultation with Congress and in accordance with exist-  
14          ing international agreements, including the Inter-  
15          national Energy Program, include China and India  
16          in a petroleum crisis response mechanism through ex-  
17          isting or new agreements.

18          (c) *ENERGY CRISIS RESPONSE MECHANISM FOR THE*  
19          *WESTERN HEMISPHERE.*—

20               (1) *AUTHORITY.*—The Secretary of State, in co-  
21               ordination with the Secretary of Energy, should im-  
22               mediately seek to establish a Western Hemisphere en-  
23               ergy crisis response mechanism.

24               (2) *SCOPE.*—The mechanism established under  
25               paragraph (1) should include—

1           (A) *an information sharing and coordi-*  
2           *inating mechanism in case of energy supply*  
3           *emergencies;*

4           (B) *technical assistance in the development*  
5           *and management of national strategic petroleum*  
6           *reserves within countries of the Western Hemi-*  
7           *sphere;*

8           (C) *technical assistance in developing na-*  
9           *tional programs to meet the requirements of*  
10           *membership in a future international energy ap-*  
11           *plication procedure as described in subsection*  
12           *(d);*

13           (D) *emergency demand restraint measures;*

14           (E) *energy switching preparedness and al-*  
15           *ternative energy production capacity; and*

16           (F) *ongoing demand intensity reduction*  
17           *programs.*

18           (3) *MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary should seek to*  
19           *include in the Western Hemisphere energy crisis re-*  
20           *sponse mechanism membership for each major energy*  
21           *producer and major energy consumer in the Western*  
22           *Hemisphere and other members of the Hemisphere*  
23           *Energy Cooperation Forum authorized under section*  
24           *706.*

1       (d) *INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM APPLICATION*  
2 *PROCEDURE.*—

3           (1) *AUTHORITY.*—*The President should place on*  
4 *the agenda for discussion at the Governing Board of*  
5 *the International Energy Agency, as soon as prac-*  
6 *ticable, the merits of establishing an international en-*  
7 *ergy program application procedure.*

8           (2) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of such procedure is*  
9 *to allow countries that are not members of the Inter-*  
10 *national Energy Program to apply to the Governing*  
11 *Board of the International Energy Agency for alloca-*  
12 *tion of petroleum reserve stocks in times of emergency*  
13 *on a grant or loan basis. Such countries should also*  
14 *receive technical assistance for, and be subject to, con-*  
15 *ditions requiring development and management of*  
16 *national programs for energy emergency prepared-*  
17 *ness, including demand restraint, fuel switching pre-*  
18 *paredness, and development of alternative fuels pro-*  
19 *duction capacity.*

20       (e) *REPORTS REQUIRED.*—

21           (1) *PETROLEUM RESERVES.*—*Not later than 180*  
22 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the*  
23 *Secretary of Energy shall submit to the appropriate*  
24 *congressional committees a report that evaluates the*  
25 *options for adapting the United States national stra-*

1     *tegic petroleum reserve and the international petro-*  
2     *leum reserve coordinating mechanism in order to*  
3     *carry out this section.*

4             (2) *CRISIS RESPONSE MECHANISMS.*—*Not later*  
5     *than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this*  
6     *Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the*  
7     *Secretary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate*  
8     *congressional committees a report on the status of the*  
9     *establishment of the international petroleum crisis re-*  
10    *sponse mechanisms described in subsections (b) and*  
11    *(c). The report shall include recommendations of the*  
12    *Secretary of State and the Secretary of Energy for*  
13    *any legislation necessary to establish or carry out*  
14    *such mechanisms.*

15            (3) *EMERGENCY APPLICATION PROCEDURE.*—*Not*  
16    *later than 60 days after a discussion by the Gov-*  
17    *erning Board of the International Energy Agency of*  
18    *the application procedure described under subsection*  
19    *(d), the President should submit to Congress a report*  
20    *that describes—*

21                    (A) *the actions the United States Govern-*  
22                    *ment has taken pursuant to such subsection; and*

23                    (B) *a summary of the debate on the matter*  
24                    *before the Governing Board of the International*  
25                    *Energy Agency, including any decision that has*

1           *been reached by the Governing Board with re-*  
2           *spect to the matter.*

3 **SEC. 706. HEMISPHERE ENERGY COOPERATION FORUM.**

4           *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:*

5           *(1) The engagement of the United States Govern-*  
6           *ment with governments of countries in the Western*  
7           *Hemisphere is a strategic priority for reducing the*  
8           *potential for tension over energy resources, maintain-*  
9           *ing and expanding reliable energy supplies, expand-*  
10          *ing use of renewable energy, and reducing the detri-*  
11          *mental effects of energy import dependence within the*  
12          *hemisphere. Current energy dialogues should be ex-*  
13          *panded and refocused as needed to meet this chal-*  
14          *lenge.*

15          *(2) Countries of the Western Hemisphere can*  
16          *most effectively meet their common needs for energy*  
17          *security and sustainability through partnership and*  
18          *cooperation. Cooperation between governments on en-*  
19          *ergy issues will enhance bilateral relationships among*  
20          *countries of the hemisphere. The Western Hemisphere*  
21          *is rich in natural resources, including biomass, oil,*  
22          *natural gas, coal, and has significant opportunity for*  
23          *production of renewable hydro, solar, wind, and other*  
24          *energies. Countries of the Western Hemisphere can*

1     *provide convenient and reliable markets for trade in*  
2     *energy goods and services.*

3             (3) *Development of sustainable energy alter-*  
4     *natives in the countries of the Western Hemisphere*  
5     *can improve energy security, balance of trade, and*  
6     *environmental quality and provide markets for en-*  
7     *ergy technology and agricultural products. Brazil and*  
8     *the United States have led the world in the produc-*  
9     *tion of ethanol, and deeper cooperation on biofuels*  
10    *with other countries of the hemisphere would extend*  
11    *economic and security benefits.*

12            (4) *Private sector partnership and investment in*  
13    *all sources of energy is critical to providing energy se-*  
14    *curity in the Western Hemisphere.*

15    (b) *HEMISPHERE ENERGY COOPERATION FORUM.—*

16            (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State,*  
17    *in coordination with the Secretary of Energy, should*  
18    *immediately seek to establish a regional-based min-*  
19    *isterial forum to be known as the Hemisphere Energy*  
20    *Cooperation Forum.*

21            (2) *PURPOSES.—The Hemisphere Energy Co-*  
22    *operation Forum should seek—*

23                    (A) *to strengthen relationships between the*  
24    *United States and other countries of the Western*

1           *Hemisphere through cooperation on energy*  
2           *issues;*

3                   *(B) to enhance cooperation between major*  
4           *energy producers and major energy consumers in*  
5           *the Western Hemisphere, particularly among the*  
6           *governments of Brazil, Canada, Mexico, the*  
7           *United States, and Venezuela;*

8                   *(C) to ensure that energy contributes to the*  
9           *economic, social, and environmental enhance-*  
10          *ment of the countries of the Western Hemisphere;*

11                   *(D) to provide an opportunity for open dia-*  
12          *logue and joint commitments between member*  
13          *governments and with private industry; and*

14                   *(E) to provide participating countries the*  
15          *flexibility necessary to cooperatively address*  
16          *broad challenges posed to the energy supply of*  
17          *the Western Hemisphere that are practical in*  
18          *policy terms and politically acceptable.*

19           (3) *ACTIVITIES.*—*The Hemisphere Energy Co-*  
20          *operation Forum should implement the following ac-*  
21          *tivities:*

22                   *(A) An Energy Crisis Initiative that will*  
23          *establish measures to respond to temporary en-*  
24          *ergy supply disruptions, including through—*

1           (i) *strengthening sea-lane and infra-*  
2           *structure security;*

3           (ii) *implementing a real-time emer-*  
4           *gency information sharing system;*

5           (iii) *encouraging members to have*  
6           *emergency mechanisms and contingency*  
7           *plans in place; and*

8           (iv) *establishing a Western Hemisphere*  
9           *energy crisis response mechanism as author-*  
10          *ized under section 705(c).*

11          (B) *An Energy Sustainability Initiative to*  
12          *facilitate long-term supply security through fos-*  
13          *tering reliable supply sources of fuels, including*  
14          *development, deployment, and commercialization*  
15          *of technologies for sustainable renewable fuels*  
16          *within the region, including activities that—*

17               (i) *promote production and trade in*  
18               *sustainable energy, including energy from*  
19               *biomass;*

20               (ii) *facilitate investment, trade, and*  
21               *technology cooperation in energy infrastruc-*  
22               *ture, petroleum products, natural gas (in-*  
23               *cluding liquefied natural gas), energy effi-*  
24               *ciency (including automotive efficiency),*

1           *clean fossil energy, renewable energy, and*  
2           *carbon sequestration;*

3                   *(iii) promote regional infrastructure*  
4                   *and market integration;*

5                   *(iv) develop effective and stable regu-*  
6                   *latory frameworks;*

7                   *(v) develop renewable fuels standards*  
8                   *and renewable portfolio standards;*

9                   *(vi) establish educational training and*  
10                  *exchange programs between member coun-*  
11                  *tries; and*

12                  *(vii) identify and remove barriers to*  
13                  *trade in technology, services, and commod-*  
14                  *ities.*

15           *(C) An Energy for Development Initiative*  
16           *to promote energy access for underdeveloped*  
17           *areas through energy policy and infrastructure*  
18           *development, including activities that—*

19                    *(i) increase access to energy services for*  
20                    *the poor;*

21                    *(ii) improve energy sector market con-*  
22                    *ditions;*

23                    *(iii) promote rural development through*  
24                    *biomass energy production and use;*

1                   (iv) increase transparency of, and par-  
2                   ticipation in, energy infrastructure projects;

3                   (v) promote development and deploy-  
4                   ment of technology for clean and sustainable  
5                   energy development, including biofuel and  
6                   clean coal technologies; and

7                   (vi) facilitate use of carbon sequestra-  
8                   tion methods in agriculture and forestry  
9                   and linking greenhouse gas emissions reduc-  
10                  tion programs to international carbon mar-  
11                  kets.

12               (c) *HEMISPHERE ENERGY INDUSTRY GROUP.*—

13                   (1) *AUTHORITY.*—*The Secretary of State, in co-*  
14                   *ordination with the Secretary of Commerce and the*  
15                   *Secretary of Energy, should approach the govern-*  
16                   *ments of other countries in the Western Hemisphere*  
17                   *to seek cooperation in establishing a Hemisphere En-*  
18                   *ergy Industry Group, to be coordinated by the United*  
19                   *States Government, involving industry representatives*  
20                   *and government representatives from the Western*  
21                   *Hemisphere.*

22                   (2) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of the forum should*  
23                   *be to increase public-private partnerships, foster pri-*  
24                   *ate investment, and enable countries of the Western*

1 *Hemisphere to devise energy agendas compatible with*  
2 *industry capacity and cognizant of industry goals.*

3 (3) *TOPICS OF DIALOGUES.—Topics for the*  
4 *forum should include—*

5 (A) *promotion of a secure investment cli-*  
6 *mate;*

7 (B) *development and deployment of biofuels*  
8 *and other alternative fuels and clean electrical*  
9 *production facilities, including clean coal and*  
10 *carbon sequestration;*

11 (C) *development and deployment of energy*  
12 *efficient technologies and practices, including in*  
13 *the industrial, residential, and transportation*  
14 *sectors;*

15 (D) *investment in oil and natural gas pro-*  
16 *duction and distribution;*

17 (E) *transparency of energy production and*  
18 *reserves data;*

19 (F) *research promotion; and*

20 (G) *training and education exchange pro-*  
21 *grams.*

22 (d) *ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of State, in co-*  
23 *ordination with the Secretary of Energy, shall submit to*  
24 *the appropriate congressional committees an annual report*  
25 *on the implementation of this section, including the strategy*

1 *and benchmarks for measurement of progress developed*  
2 *under this section.*

3 **SEC. 707. NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION.**

4 *Section 101(a) of the National Security Act of 1947*  
5 *(50 U.S.C. 402(a)) is amended—*

6 *(1) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6), and (7)*  
7 *as paragraphs (6), (7), and (8), respectively; and*

8 *(2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-*  
9 *lowing:*

10 *“(5) the Secretary of Energy;”.*

11 **SEC. 708. ANNUAL NATIONAL ENERGY SECURITY STRATEGY**

12 **REPORT.**

13 *(a) REPORTS.—*

14 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), on*  
15 *the date on which the President submits to Congress*  
16 *the budget for the following fiscal year under section*  
17 *1105 of title 31, United States Code, the President*  
18 *shall submit to Congress a comprehensive report on*  
19 *the national energy security of the United States.*

20 *(2) NEW PRESIDENTS.—In addition to the re-*  
21 *ports required under paragraph (1), the President*  
22 *shall submit a comprehensive report on the national*  
23 *energy security of the United States by not later than*  
24 *150 days after the date on which the President as-*

1       *sumes the office of President after a presidential elec-*  
2       *tion.*

3       **(b) CONTENTS.**—*Each report under this section shall*  
4       *describe the national energy security strategy of the United*  
5       *States, including a comprehensive description of—*

6               (1) *the worldwide interests, goals, and objectives*  
7               *of the United States that are vital to the national en-*  
8               *ergy security of the United States;*

9               (2) *the foreign policy, worldwide commitments,*  
10              *and national defense capabilities of the United States*  
11              *necessary—*

12                   (A) *to deter political manipulation of world*  
13                   *energy resources; and*

14                   (B) *to implement the national energy secu-*  
15                   *urity strategy of the United States;*

16               (3) *the proposed short-term and long-term uses of*  
17               *the political, economic, military, and other authori-*  
18               *ties of the United States—*

19                   (A) *to protect or promote energy security;*  
20                   *and*

21                   (B) *to achieve the goals and objectives de-*  
22                   *scribed in paragraph (1);*

23               (4) *the adequacy of the capabilities of the United*  
24               *States to protect the national energy security of the*  
25               *United States, including an evaluation of the balance*

1       *among the capabilities of all elements of the national*  
2       *authority of the United States to support the imple-*  
3       *mentation of the national energy security strategy;*  
4       *and*

5               *(5) such other information as the President de-*  
6       *termines to be necessary to inform Congress on mat-*  
7       *ters relating to the national energy security of the*  
8       *United States.*

9       *(c) CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED FORM.—Each na-*  
10       *tional energy security strategy report shall be submitted to*  
11       *Congress in—*

12               *(1) a classified form; and*

13               *(2) an unclassified form.*

14       **SEC. 709. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**  
15               **FINED.**

16       *In this title, the term “appropriate congressional com-*  
17       *mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations and*  
18       *the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-*  
19       *ate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Com-*  
20       *mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Represent-*  
21       *atives.*