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H. R. 1365

To amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to place certain restrictions on members and activities of the Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “America First Energy
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FOUNDATION FOR ENERGY SECURITY AND INNOVA-**
2 **TION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.**

3 Section 10691 of the Research and Development,
4 Competition, and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19281; en-
5 acted as part of division B of Public Law 117–167) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by amending sub-
9 paragraph (I) to read as follows:

10 “(I) RESTRICTIONS ON MEMBERSHIP.—

11 “(i) EMPLOYEES.—No employee of
12 the Department may be appointed as a
13 voting member of the Board.

14 “(ii) STATUS.—Each voting member
15 of the Board shall be—

16 “(I) a citizen of the United
17 States;

18 “(II) a national of the United
19 States (as such term is defined in sec-
20 tion 101(a) of the Immigration and
21 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a));

22 “(III) an alien admitted as a ref-
23 ugee under section 207 of such Act (8
24 U.S.C. 1157); or

1 “(IV) an alien lawfully admitted
2 to the United States for permanent
3 residence.”; and

4 (B) in paragraph (5), by adding at the end
5 the following new subparagraph:

6 “(M) RESTRICTIONS.—

7 “(i) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Ex-
8 ecutive Director shall be—

9 “(I) a citizen of the United
10 States;

11 “(II) a national of the United
12 States (as such term is defined in sec-
13 tion 101(a) of the Immigration and
14 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a));

15 “(III) an alien admitted as a ref-
16 ugee under section 207 of such Act (8
17 U.S.C. 1157); or

18 “(IV) an alien lawfully admitted
19 to the United States for permanent
20 residence.

21 “(ii) OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.—
22 Each officer or employee of the Founda-
23 tion shall be—

24 “(I) a citizen of the United
25 States;

1 “(II) a national of the United
2 States (as such term is defined in sec-
3 tion 101(a) of the Immigration and
4 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a));

5 “(III) an alien admitted as a ref-
6 ugee under section 207 of such Act (8
7 U.S.C. 1157); or

8 “(IV) an alien lawfully admitted
9 to the United States for permanent
10 residence.”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “(d) SECURITY.—This section shall be carried out in
14 accordance with the provisions of subtitle D of this title
15 and section 223 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-
16 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (42
17 U.S.C. 6605).”.

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