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At the end of title III, add the following new section:

SEC. 3007. STUDY ON ACCESS IN PUERTO RICO TO ENERGY SUPPLIES PRODUCED IN THE U.S. MAINLAND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Commerce, and, with respect only to paragraph (2), the Secretary of State, shall submit to Congress a report that examines whether, and to what extent, provisions of law originally enacted by the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, including the requirements set forth in section 12112 of title 46, United States Code, with respect to coastwise endorsements for vessels built in the United States—

(1) may affect, including with respect to logistics and cost, access in Puerto Rico to liquified natural gas, liquified petroleum gas, and other energy supplies produced in the mainland of the United States; and
(2) may affect, including with respect to logistics and cost, the potential establishment of Puerto Rico as a transshipment and storage hub for the distribution of natural gas, petroleum gas, and other energy supplies produced in the United States to United States trading partners in the Western Hemisphere, with particular emphasis on trading partners in the Caribbean.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Energy shall consider the practical utility of the exception provided for in section 12120 of title 46, United States Code, in terms of access in Puerto Rico to liquified natural gas and liquified petroleum gas produced in the mainland of the United States, including whether the October 19, 1996, date established under such section as a condition for issuance of a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement to a vessel for the transportation of liquified natural gas and liquified petroleum gas to Puerto Rico from other ports in the United States affects the practical utility of the exception.