

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY Mr. Vpton

*Title III*

In ~~section 2~~, add the following new subsection at the end:

1 (e) SUNSET.—The provisions of this Act and of any  
2 amendment made by this Act shall cease to apply after  
3 December 31 of any year if, in any month during that  
4 year, using national aggregate residential billing and ar-  
5 rearage data gathered by the National Association of Reg-  
6 ulatory Utility Commissioners (“NARUC” ), the Sec-  
7 retary of Energy determines that the percentage of over-  
8 due accounts in the natural gas industry is <sup>25</sup>~~30~~ percent  
9 or more. The national aggregate percentage of overdue ac-  
10 counts shall be calculated by dividing the number of cus-  
11 tomers in debt to gas utilities by the total number of resi-  
12 dential gas customers. The data used for purpose of this  
13 section shall be the data gathered and made public by the  
14 National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners  
15 (NARUC) and such data shall be comparable to the data  
16 set forth in the 2008 Individual State Report by the  
17 NARUC Consumer Affairs Subcommittee On Collections  
18 Data Gathering.

