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112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1230

[Report No. 112-68]

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. LANDRY, Mr. FLORES, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. NUNES, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. OLSON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. LONG, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. KELLY, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. HELLER, and Mrs. HARTZLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. STIVERS, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. TERRY, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. KLINE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. CANSECO, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PEARCE, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. CARTER, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. AKIN, and Mr. CALVERT

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “Restarting American
5 Offshore Leasing Now Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
7 **GAS LEASE SALE 216 IN THE CENTRAL GULF**
8 **OF MEXICO.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
10 conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 216 under section
11 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
12 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than 4 months
13 after the date of enactment of this Act.

14 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For the purposes of
15 that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for
16 the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Envi-
17 ronmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the re-
18 quirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of
19 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

20 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
21 **GAS LEASE SALE 218 IN THE WESTERN GULF**
22 **OF MEXICO.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
24 conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 218 under section
25 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.

1 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than 8 months
2 after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For the purposes of
4 that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for
5 the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Envi-
6 ronmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the re-
7 quirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of
8 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

9 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
10 **GAS LEASE SALE 220 ON THE OUTER CONTI-**
11 **NENTAL SHELF OFFSHORE VIRGINIA.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
13 conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 220 under section
14 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
15 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than one year
16 after the date of enactment of this Act.

17 (b) PROHIBITION ON CONFLICTS WITH MILITARY
18 OPERATIONS.—The Secretary shall not make any tract
19 available for leasing under this section if the President,
20 through the Secretary of Defense, determines that drilling
21 activity on that tract would create an unreasonable con-
22 flict with military operations.

1 **SEC. 5. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
2 **GAS LEASE SALE 222 IN THE CENTRAL GULF**
3 **OF MEXICO.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
5 conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 222 under section
6 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
7 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than June 1,
8 2012.

9 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For the purposes of
10 that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for
11 the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Envi-
12 ronmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the re-
13 quirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of
14 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

15 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act:

17 (1) The term “Environmental Impact State-
18 ment for the 2007–2012 5 Year OCS Plan” means
19 the Final Environmental Impact Statement for
20 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Pro-
21 gram: 2007–2012 (April 2007) prepared by the Sec-
22 retary of the Interior.

23 (2) The term “Multi-Sale Environmental Im-
24 pact Statement” means the Environmental Impact
25 Statement for Proposed Western Gulf of Mexico
26 OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales 204, 207, 210, 215,

1 and 218, and Proposed Central Gulf of Mexico OCS
2 Oil and Gas Lease Sales 205, 206, 208, 213, 216,
3 and 222 (September 2008) prepared by the Sec-
4 retary of the Interior.

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