

113TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 2013

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington.

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 “West Coast Ocean Pro-
5 tection Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING ON THE**
2 **OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST**
3 **OF CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any
10 other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a
11 lease for the exploration, development, or production of
12 oil or natural gas in any area of the outer Continental
13 Shelf off the coast of the State of California, Oregon, or
14 Washington.”.

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