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To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to provide for leasing of certain lands for oil and gas purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29 (legislative day, JUNE 22), 1993

Mr. CAMPBELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. Section 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act
4 (30 U.S.C. 226) is amended by adding the following new
5 subsection at the end thereof:

6 “(o)(1) AUTHORITY TO LEASE.—Notwithstanding
7 any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior,
8 in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, may lease
9 for oil and gas exploration, development and production
10 the public domain lands located in Garfield County, Colo-

1 rado, reserved by Executive order of the President dated
2 December 6, 1916 (as amended by Executive order of the
3 President dated June 12, 1919), and by Executive order
4 of the President dated September 27, 1924, subject to
5 valid existing rights, and pursuant to the requirements of
6 this Act.

7 “(2) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior,
8 through the Bureau of Land Management, shall hereafter
9 manage the surface estate in the lands covered by this
10 subsection, pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Man-
11 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, et seq.), and other
12 laws applicable to the public lands.

13 “(3) ROYALTY.—A lease of lands by the Secretary
14 of the Interior under this subsection shall be conditioned
15 upon the payment of a royalty pursuant to subsection (b)
16 of this section, except that the Secretary may establish
17 a sliding scale royalty of not less than 12.5 per centum
18 and not more than 25 per centum in amount or value of
19 the production removed or sold from the lease.

20 “(4) EXISTING EQUIPMENT.—The lease of lands by
21 the Secretary under this subsection may include the trans-
22 fer, at fair market value, of wells, gathering lines, and re-
23 lated equipment owned by the United States on the lands
24 referenced in paragraph (1) and suitable for use in the

- 1 exploration, development or production of hydrocarbons on
- 2 such lands.”.

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