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2^D SESSION

S. 3562

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2006

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Land and Water Con-
5 servation Fund Investment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) 181 AREA.—The term “181 Area” means
2 the area identified in map 15, page 58, of the Pro-
3 posed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas
4 Leasing Program for 1997–2002 of the Minerals
5 Management Service.

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (3) SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—The term “special ac-
9 count” means the special account described in sec-
10 tion 3(a).

11 **SEC. 3. DISPOSITION AND USE OF 181 AREA RENTAL AND**
12 **ROYALTY PAYMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 9 of the
14 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1338), 50
15 percent of the bonuses, rentals, royalties, and other sums
16 due and payable to the United States from leases in the
17 181 Area shall be deposited into a special account in the
18 Treasury.

19 (b) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Each fiscal year the Sec-
20 retary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary—

21 (1) \$450,000,000 from the special account; or

22 (2) if the balance in the special account is not
23 sufficient to transfer the full amount specified in
24 paragraph (1)—

1 (A) any amounts that are in the special ac-
2 count; and

3 (B) from the unobligated balance of the
4 land and water conservation fund established
5 under section 2 of the Land and Water Con-
6 servation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-
7 5), an amount equal to the difference be-
8 tween—

9 (i) \$450,000,000; and

10 (ii) the amount transferred under sub-
11 paragraph (A).

12 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts transferred to the
13 Secretary under subsection (b) shall—

14 (1) be made available, without further appro-
15 priation, to provide financial assistance to States in
16 accordance with section 6 of the Land and Water
17 Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-8);

18 (2) remain available until expended; and

19 (3) be in addition to any amounts appropriated
20 under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act
21 of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-4 et seq.).

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