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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic  
Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strategic Petroleum  
3 Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act of  
4 2008”.

5 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF PETROLEUM ACQUISITION FOR**  
6 **STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
8 (b) and notwithstanding any other provision of law, during  
9 the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act  
10 and ending on December 31, 2008—

11 (1) the Secretary of the Interior shall suspend  
12 acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum  
13 Reserve through the royalty-in-kind program; and

14 (2) the Secretary of Energy shall suspend ac-  
15 quisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum  
16 Reserve through any acquisition method.

17 (b) RESUMPTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2008.—Dur-  
18 ing the period specified in subsection (a) but not earlier  
19 than 30 days after the date on which the President notifies  
20 Congress that the President has determined that the  
21 weighted average price of petroleum in the United States  
22 for the most recent 90-day period is \$75 or less per bar-  
23 rel—

24 (1) the Secretary of the Interior may resume  
25 acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum  
26 Reserve through the royalty-in-kind program; and

1           (2) the Secretary of Energy may resume acqui-  
2           sition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Re-  
3           serve through any acquisition method.

4           (c) EXISTING CONTRACTS.—

5           (1) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR CON-  
6           TRACTS.—In the case of any royalty-in-kind oil  
7           scheduled to be delivered to the Department of En-  
8           ergy for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve pursuant  
9           to a contract entered into by the Secretary of Inte-  
10          rior prior to, and in effect on, the date of enactment  
11          of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall accept de-  
12          livery of such oil.

13          (2) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CONTRACTS.—In  
14          the case of any oil scheduled to be delivered to the  
15          Strategic Petroleum Reserve pursuant to a contract  
16          entered into by the Secretary of Energy prior to,  
17          and in effect on, the date of enactment of this Act,  
18          the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent prac-  
19          ticable, negotiate a deferral of the delivery of the oil  
20          in accordance with procedures of the Department of

1 Energy in effect on the date of enactment of this  
2 Act for deferrals of oil.

Passed the House of Representatives May 13, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*