

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6302

To achieve greater national energy independence by terminating the effect of laws prohibiting the spending of appropriated funds and Presidential withdrawals and authorities to conduct oil and natural gas leasing and preleasing activities for any area of the Outer Continental Shelf.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2008

Mr. POE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “American Energy Inde-
5 pendence through Offshore Drilling Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF LAWS PROHIBITING THE SPEND-**
2 **ING OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR OUTER**
3 **CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASING ACTIVITIES.**

4 All provisions of existing Federal law prohibiting the
5 spending of appropriated funds to conduct oil and natural
6 gas leasing and preleasing activities for any area of the
7 Outer Continental Shelf shall have no force or effect.

8 **SEC. 3. REVOCATION OF EXISTING PRESIDENTIAL WITH-**
9 **DRAWALS.**

10 All withdrawals of Federal submerged lands of the
11 Outer Continental Shelf from leasing, including with-
12 draws by the President under the authority of section
13 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
14 U.S.C. 1341(a)), are hereby revoked and are no longer
15 in effect with respect to the leasing of areas for explo-
16 ration for, and development and production of, oil and nat-
17 ural gas.

18 **SEC. 4. REVOCATION OF EXISTING PRESIDENTIAL AUTHOR-**
19 **ITY.**

20 All authorities given to the President with respect to
21 the leasing of Federal submerged lands of the Outer Con-
22 tinental Shelf, given under section 12(a) of the Outer Con-
23 tinental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1341(a)), are hereby
24 revoked; except in the interest of national security.

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