

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide a moratorium on oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—111th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) _____

(title) _____

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

2 **SEC. 3 ____ . MORATORIUM OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CER-**
3 **TAIN AREAS OF THE GULF OF MEXICO.**

4 (a) MORATORIUM.—Section 104 of the Gulf of Mex-
5 ico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note;
6 Public Law 109–432) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Effective”
8 and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (d),
9 effective”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(d) EXCEPTIONS.—

1 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

2 “(A) DESTIN DOME AREA.—The term
3 ‘Destin Dome Area’ means the area in the Cen-
4 tral and Eastern Planning Areas of the outer
5 Continental Shelf identified as ‘Destin Dome
6 (NH16-08)’ in the document entitled ‘MMS
7 Gulf of Mexico Region Planning Areas and Ac-
8 tive Leases’ and dated May 14, 2009.

9 “(B) PENSACOLA AREA.—The term ‘Pen-
10 sacola Area’ means the area in the Central and
11 Eastern Planning Areas of the outer Conti-
12 nental Shelf identified as ‘Pensacola (NH16-
13 05)’ in the document entitled ‘MMS Gulf of
14 Mexico Region Planning Areas and Active
15 Leases’ and dated May 14, 2009.

16 “(2) AUTHORIZED AREAS.—The Secretary may
17 offer for leasing any area in the Destin Dome Area
18 or the Pensacola Area.”.

19 (b) NATIONAL DEFENSE AREA.—Section 12(d) of
20 the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
21 1341(d)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “The United States” and insert-
23 ing the following:

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States”; and

25 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(2) REVIEW.—Annually, the Secretary of De-
2 fense shall—

3 “(A) review the areas of the outer Conti-
4 nental Shelf that have been designated as re-
5 stricted from exploration and operation to de-
6 termine whether the areas should remain under
7 restriction; and

8 “(B) based on the review under subpara-
9 graph (A), make recommendations to the Presi-
10 dent.”.

11 (c) LEASING OF MORATORIUM AREAS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary may
14 offer for leasing under the Outer Continental Shelf
15 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.), any areas made
16 available for leasing as a result of the amendment
17 made by subsection (a).

18 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—Notwithstanding the
19 omission of any areas made available for leasing
20 under paragraph (1) from the applicable 5-year plan
21 developed by the Secretary pursuant to section 18 of
22 the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
23 1344), the Secretary may, as soon as practicable
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, amend the
25 applicable plan to include the areas.

1 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 105 of the
2 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related
3 Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109–54;
4 119 Stat. 521) (as amended by section 103(d) of the Gulf
5 of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331
6 note; Public Law 109–432)) is amended by inserting “and
7 any other area that the Secretary of the Interior may offer
8 for leasing, preleasing, or any related activity under sec-
9 tion 104 of that Act” after “2006”).