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Mr. FIELDS of Texas (for himself, Mr. TAUZIN, and Mr. ORTIZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Merchant Marine and Fisheries

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 “National Energy Secu-
5 rity Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the United States consumed an average of
9 17 million barrels of oil per day of petroleum prod-
10 ucts in 1992 and our consumption is expected to in-

1 crease to 22.6 million barrels per day in the year
2 2010;

3 (2) the United States produced an average of
4 7.4 million barrels per day of petroleum products in
5 1992;

6 (3) the domestic oil industry's utilization rate
7 (rig) count is now at an all time low;

8 (4) the domestic oil and gas industry has lost
9 more than 450,000 jobs over the last decade;

10 (5) production from the Federal Outer Con-
11 tinental Shelf accounted for more than 12 percent of
12 our crude oil and for more than 25 percent of our
13 natural gas requirements in 1992;

14 (6) the Minerals Management Service has esti-
15 mated that the Outer Continental Shelf contains as
16 much as 25.6 billion barrels of undiscovered, recov-
17 erable oil, or more than one-third of all such oil in
18 the United States; and 204.8 trillion cubic feet of
19 undiscovered, recoverable natural gas, or more than
20 two-fifths of all such natural gas;

21 (7) Outer Continental Shelf development has
22 contributed over \$210,000,000,000, in revenues to
23 the Federal Treasury in rents, royalties, bonus pay-
24 ments, and taxes;

1 (8) of the 60 largest oil spills that have oc-
2 curred in the waters of the United States, only one
3 was the result of Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas
4 activity; the remaining 59 were mainly caused by
5 tanker spills;

6 (9) the National Academy of Sciences found
7 that oil from tankers and other forms of transpor-
8 tation account for 45 percent of oil pollution in the
9 sea, while oil from offshore production accounts for
10 2 percent;

11 (10) The Department of Interior has spent over
12 \$555,000,000 on environmental and socioeconomic
13 studies covering every aspect of offshore leasing,
14 drilling, and production;

15 (11) domestic oil and natural gas production is
16 vital to American quality of life because it creates
17 jobs, enhances national security and contributes to a
18 healthier environment; and

19 (12) it is in the national interest that the ratio
20 of domestic production relative to total domestic con-
21 sumption of petroleum exceed 50 percent.

22 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL ENERGY PRODUCTION AND SECURITY**
23 **ACTION PLAN.**

24 (a) LEASE SALE.—Subject to subsection (b), and
25 notwithstanding any other law, the President may conduct

1 a lease sale for offshore oil and natural gas resources
2 under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act within an
3 eligible area as soon as it is practicable.

4 (b) CONDITION.—The lease sale conducted under
5 subsection (a) may occur only if the ratio between domes-
6 tic oil production and domestic oil consumption falls below
7 50 percent for 4 consecutive months, as determined by the
8 Energy Information Agency.

9 (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “eligible
10 area” means an area of the Outer Continental Shelf
11 which—

12 (1) has undergone sufficient environmental re-
13 view to comply with the National Environmental
14 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

15 (2) contains significant oil or natural gas re-
16 sources, as determined by the Minerals Management
17 Service; and

18 (3) is located within the North Atlantic Plan-
19 ning Area, the Mid-Atlantic Planning Area, South
20 Atlantic Planning Area, Eastern Gulf of Mexico
21 Planning Area, Southern California Planning Area,
22 Central California Planning Area, Northern Califor-
23 nia Planning Area, Washington-Oregon Planning
24 Area, or the North Aleutian Basin Planning Area.

1 **SEC. 4. PRESIDENTIAL REPORT.**

2 The President shall prepare and submit an annual
3 report to Congress containing a national oil security pro-
4 jection which shall contain a forecast of domestic oil de-
5 mand and production, and imports of crude oil for the sub-
6 sequent year. The report shall also describe the possible
7 actions to be taken by the President to ensure that domes-
8 tic oil production exceeds imports of foreign oil.

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