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To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases
on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOBIONDO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil
and gas leases on certain portions of the Outer Continen-
tal Shelf.

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. PROHIBITION.**

4 (a)(1) The Secretary of the Interior shall not issue
5 a lease, permit, or license for the exploration for or extrac-
6 tion of oil or gas on or from submerged lands described
7 in subsection (b).

8 (2)(A) No person shall explore for or extract oil or
9 gas on or from any area of the submerged lands described
10 in subsection (b) after the date of the cancellation, expira-

1 tion, relinquishment, surrender, or termination of a lease
2 with respect to such area.

3 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (A), this
4 subsection shall not prohibit exploration for or extraction
5 of oil or gas on or from any area of submerged lands under
6 the terms of a lease, permit, or license in effect on the
7 date of enactment of this Act with respect to such area.

8 (b)(1) The lands with respect to which subsection (a)
9 applies shall include—

10 (A) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
11 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
12 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line
13 of the State of Florida, including areas with respect
14 to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing activi-
15 ties existed before the date of enactment of this Act,
16 and all submerged lands south of 26 degrees north
17 latitude and east of 86 degrees west longitude;

18 (B) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
19 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
20 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line
21 of the State of Georgia;

22 (C) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
23 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
24 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line
25 of the State of South Carolina;

1 (D) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
2 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
3 lie within 175 miles of any point of the coast line
4 of the State of North Carolina;

5 (E) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
6 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
7 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line
8 of the State of Virginia;

9 (F) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
10 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
11 lie within 50 miles of any point of the coast line of
12 the State of Maryland, including areas with respect
13 to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing activi-
14 ties existed before the date of enactment of this Act;

15 (G) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
16 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
17 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line
18 of the State of Delaware, including areas with re-
19 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing
20 activities existed before the date of enactment of this
21 Act;

22 (H) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
23 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
24 lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line
25 of the State of New Jersey, including areas with re-

1 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing
2 activities existed before the date of enactment of this
3 Act;

4 (I) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
5 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
6 lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line
7 of the State of New York, including areas with re-
8 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing
9 activities existed before the date of enactment of this
10 Act;

11 (J) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
12 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
13 lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line
14 of the State of Connecticut, including areas with re-
15 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing
16 activities existed before the date of enactment of this
17 Act;

18 (K) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
19 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
20 lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line
21 of the State of Rhode Island, including areas with
22 respect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing
23 activities existed before the date of enactment of this
24 Act;

1 (L) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
2 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
3 lie within 50 miles of any point of the coast line of
4 the State of Massachusetts, including areas with re-
5 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing
6 activities existed before the date of enactment of this
7 Act, and lands within the 400 meter isobath sur-
8 rounding Georges Bank, identified by the Depart-
9 ment of the Interior as consisting of the following
10 blocks: in protraction diagram NJ 19-1, blocks
11 numbered 12-16, 54-55 and 57-58; in protraction
12 diagram NK 19-5, blocks numbered 744, 788, 831-
13 832, and 1005-1008; in protraction diagram NK
14 19-6, blocks numbered 489-491, 532-537, 574-
15 576, 578-581, 618-627, 661-662, 664-671, 705-
16 716, 749-761, 793-805, and 969-971; in protrac-
17 tion diagram NK 19-8, blocks numbered 37-40, 80-
18 84, 124-127, and 168-169; in protraction diagram
19 NK 19-9, blocks numbered 13-18, 58-63, 102-105,
20 107-108, 146-149, 151-152, 191-193, 195-197,
21 235-237, 240-242, 280-282, 284-286, 324-331,
22 368-376, 412-420, 456-465, 500-510, 543-554,
23 587-594, 596-599, 631-637, 640-644, 675-688,
24 718-733, 762-778, 805-821, 846-865, 887-891,
25 894-908, 930-950, and 972-994; in protraction

1 diagram NK 19–10, blocks numbered 474–478,
2 516–524, 560–568, 604–612, 647–660, 692–704,
3 737–748, 787–792, 830–836, 873–880, 967–968,
4 and 1011–1012; in protraction diagram NK 19–11,
5 blocks numbered 621–632, 665–676, 700, 709–720,
6 744, 753–764, 785, 797–808, 825–827, 841–852,
7 856–860, 869, 890–905, 907–909, 929–931, 941–
8 945, 947–949, 973–975, and 985–989; and in pro-
9 traction diagram NK 19–12, blocks numbered 452–
10 456, 495–499, 536–537, 539–541, 575–577, 579–
11 582, 617–621, 623–624, 661–662, 664–665, and
12 705–706;

13 (M) all submerged lands seaward from the
14 landward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf
15 that lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast
16 line of the State of New Hampshire;

17 (N) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
18 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
19 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line
20 of the State of Maine;

21 (O) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
22 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
23 lie within 145 miles of any point of the coast line
24 of the State of California, including areas with re-
25 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing

1 activities existed before the date of enactment of this
2 Act;

3 (P) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
4 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
5 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line
6 of the State of Oregon; and

7 (Q) all submerged lands seaward from the land-
8 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that
9 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line
10 of the State of Washington.

11 (2) The lands with respect to which subsection (a)
12 applies shall not include any portion of the Central or
13 Western Gulf of Mexico planning areas of the Department
14 of the Interior.

15 (c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding section 5(a)(2) (A) and
16 (B) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
17 1334(a)(2) (A) and (B)), the Secretary of the Interior
18 shall cancel any lease or permit in effect on the date of
19 enactment of this Act in areas described in subparagraph
20 (B), and such cancellation shall entitle the lessee to receive
21 compensation under section 5(a)(2)(C) of the Outer Con-
22 tinental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1334(a)(2)(C)).

23 (B) The areas with respect to which subparagraph
24 (A) applies are lands south of 26 degrees north latitude
25 and east of 86 degrees west longitude.

1 (2) The Secretary of the Interior shall report to the
2 Congress within 9 months after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act on alternative options for compensating lease-
4 holders on blocks numbered 204, 246, 247, 290, 291, 334,
5 335, 378, 379, 422, 423, 466, 467, 510, 511, 553, 554,
6 555, 597, 598, 599, 640, 641, and 642 on protraction dia-
7 gram NI 18–2 of the Universal Transverse Mercator Grid
8 System, assuming the compensation procedures outlined
9 in section 5 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
10 U.S.C. 1334). These options shall include, to the extent
11 practicable, credits in lieu of appropriations, such as cred-
12 its on Federal royalties on producing Outer Continental
13 Shelf leases.

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