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# H. R. 2285

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases on portions of the Outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of New Jersey.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2001

Mr. LOBIONDO (for himself, Mr. SAXTON, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. FERGUSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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. PROHIBITION ON OIL AND GAS LEASING OFF**  
4               **THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY.**

5       (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Interior  
6       shall not issue a lease, permit, or license for the explo-  
7       ration for or extraction of oil or gas on or from submerged  
8       lands described in subsection (b).

1       (b) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The submerged lands with  
2   respect to which subsection (a) applies are all submerged  
3   lands seaward from the landward boundary of the Outer  
4   Continental Shelf that lie within 125 miles of any point  
5   of the coast line of the State of New Jersey, including  
6   areas with respect to which a moratorium on oil and gas  
7   leasing activities existed before the date of enactment of  
8   this Act.

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