

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2244

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2003

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