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S. 3760

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27 (legislative day, JULY 26), 2006

Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Royalty Relief Suspen-
5 sion Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. ROYALTY RELIEF FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL AND**
7 **GAS.**

8 (a) **PRICE THRESHOLDS.**—Notwithstanding any
9 other provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior (re-

1 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall place limita-
2 tions based on market price on the royalty relief granted
3 under any lease for the production of oil or natural gas
4 on Federal land (including submerged land) entered into
5 by the Secretary on or after the date of enactment of this
6 Act.

7 (b) CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE
8 PRICE THRESHOLDS FOR CERTAIN LEASE SALES.—Con-
9 gress reaffirms the authority of the Secretary under sec-
10 tion 8(a)(1)(H) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
11 (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(1)(H)) to vary, based on the price of
12 production from a lease, the suspension of royalties under
13 any lease subject to section 304 of the Outer Continental
14 Shelf Deep Water Royalty Relief Act (Public Law 104–
15 58; 43 U.S.C. 1337 note).

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