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# H. R. 5311

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2008

Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. TREATMENT OF OIL SHALE RESERVE RE-**  
4 **CEIPTS.**

5 Section 7439(f) of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

1           (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “the earlier  
2           of December 31, 2007, or” after “and ending on”;  
3           and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following new  
5           paragraphs:

6           “(3)(A) Not less than \$33,250,000 of the moneys de-  
7           posited in the Treasury under paragraph (1) that exceed  
8           the amounts described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
9           paragraph (2) shall be transferred by the Secretary of the  
10          Treasury to the State of Colorado for use in accordance  
11          with subparagraph (B).

12          “(B) Amounts transferred to the State of Colorado  
13          under subparagraph (A) shall be used by the State and  
14          political subdivisions of the State for—

15                 “(i) conservation, restoration, and protection of  
16                 land, water, and wildlife resources affected by oil or  
17                 gas development activities in Garfield and Rio Blan-  
18                 co Counties in the State;

19                 “(ii) repair, maintenance, and construction of  
20                 State and county roads in each of those counties;  
21                 and

22                 “(iii) the conduct of capital improvement  
23                 projects (including the construction and maintenance  
24                 of sewer and water treatment plants) that are de-  
25                 signed and carried out to address the impacts of oil

1 and gas development activities in each of those coun-  
2 ties.

3 “(4)(A) Beginning on January 1, 2008, but subject  
4 to subparagraph (B), all moneys received from a lease  
5 under this section (including moneys in the form of sales,  
6 bonuses, royalties (including interest charges collected  
7 under the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act  
8 of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)), and rentals) shall be  
9 distributed in accordance with section 35 of the Mineral  
10 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191).

11 “(B) Until the date on which the Secretary of Energy  
12 and the Secretary of the Interior provide the certification  
13 described in paragraph (2) regarding the sum of money  
14 deposited in the Treasury under paragraph (1), amounts  
15 transferred by the Secretary of the Treasury to the State  
16 of Colorado in accordance with section 35 of the Mineral  
17 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191) shall be used by the State  
18 and political subdivisions of the State in accordance with  
19 paragraph (3)(B).”

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