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H. R. 6953

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Getting Resources Ef-
3 ficiently and Effectively Now Act” or the “GREEN Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL OF EXPLORATION, DE-**
5 **VELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION PROJECTS**
6 **UNDER EXISTING FEDERAL OIL AND GAS**
7 **LEASES.**

8 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to au-
9 thorize the President to review and approve oil and gas
10 exploration, development, and production projects under
11 existing Federal oil and gas leases, both onshore and off-
12 shore, upon finding that such a project complies with all
13 applicable Federal laws.

14 (b) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROJECTS.—Not-
15 withstanding any other provision of law, the President or
16 a designee of the President shall review all projects for
17 the exploration, development, or production of oil and gas
18 resources under Federal leases, for lands (or submerged
19 lands) located onshore or offshore, to determine whether
20 the project complies with all applicable Federal laws. Upon
21 a written finding by the President or the designee, in his
22 or her sole discretion, that the project including all author-
23 izations, permits, studies, or other form of executive
24 branch approvals otherwise required to conduct such ac-
25 tivities, (i) serves the public interest in responsible domes-
26 tic oil and gas development and (ii) complies with all appli-

1 cable Federal laws, the project shall be conclusively ap-
2 proved and authorized to proceed.

3 (c) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL
4 PROCEEDINGS.—The decisions of the President or des-
5 ignee under this section, any permitting decisions or con-
6 ditions under such approval, and the project so approved
7 shall not be subject to further administrative or judicial
8 review, stay, or injunction or, if pending, continued admin-
9 istrative or judicial review, stay, or injunction, except with
10 respect to an appeal filed by the applicant or permittee.
11 A project approved under this section shall continue to be
12 subject to the regulatory oversight and enforcement ac-
13 tions of the Federal agencies with jurisdiction over such
14 activities, as otherwise provided by law, and shall be regu-
15 lated under the terms, conditions, and requirements of any
16 authorization, permit, or other approval necessary to con-
17 duct such activities. The President’s or the President’s
18 designee’s determinations under this section shall pre-
19 empt any State law.

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