

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5436

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2010

Mr. BUCHANAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

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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. PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND**
2 **WAIVERS FOR DEEPWATER OIL DRILLING IN**
3 **GULF OF MEXICO.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Minerals Management Serv-
5 ice may not issue any permit or grant any waiver of any
6 environmental or safety requirement or restriction under
7 any Federal law for any deepwater drilling rig in the Gulf
8 of Mexico before the date on which—

9 (1) the discharge of oil from the last well drilled
10 by the semi-submersible drilling rig Deepwater Hori-
11 zon has stopped; and

12 (2) a Committee of the House of Representa-
13 tives or the Senate has issued a report that includes
14 a finding of the cause of the explosion on and sink-
15 ing of the semi-submersible drilling rig Deepwater
16 Horizon.

17 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

18 (1) the term “deepwater drilling rig” means an
19 offshore facility used for drilling in, exploring for,
20 developing, or producing oil in water that is greater
21 than 1,000 feet in depth; and

22 (2) the term “offshore facility” has the mean-
23 ing that term has in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990
24 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).