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S. 3343

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annual fee on Federal offshore areas that are subject to a lease for production of oil or natural gas and to establish a fund to reduce pollution and the dependence of the United States on oil.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2010

Mr. LAUTENBERG 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 “Beyond Petroleum
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Oil
2 Dependence Reduction Fund established by section
3 4(a).

4 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 **SEC. 3. OIL DEPENDENCE REDUCTION FEE.**

7 (a) OIL DEPENDENCE REDUCTION FEE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 shall establish by regulation an annual fee for Fed-
11 eral offshore areas that are subject to a lease for
12 production of oil or natural gas as of May 1, 2010.

13 (2) LEASE FEE TERMS.—The amount of the fee
14 established under paragraph (1) shall be equal to
15 \$10 for each acre that is subject to a lease described
16 in that paragraph.

17 (3) ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION.—The Sec-
18 retary shall assess and collect the fee established
19 under paragraph (1).

20 (4) DEPOSIT.—Amounts received by the United
21 States as a fee under this section shall be deposited
22 in the Fund.

23 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may issue regula-
24 tions to prevent evasion of the fee established under sub-
25 section (a)(1).

1 **SEC. 4. OIL DEPENDENCE REDUCTION FUND.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is estab-
3 lished in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be
4 known as the “Oil Dependence Reduction Fund”, to be
5 jointly administered by the Administrator of the Environ-
6 mental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Energy, and
7 the Secretary of Transportation, to be available without
8 fiscal year limitation and subject to appropriation to re-
9 search, develop, deploy, or expand the use of renewable
10 technologies or programs that—

11 (1) significantly decrease the use of oil; and

12 (2) significantly reduce greenhouse gas emis-
13 sions.

14 (b) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Fund shall consist of
16 such amounts as are appropriated to the Fund
17 under paragraph (2).

18 (2) FEES.—There are appropriated to the
19 Fund, out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise
20 appropriated, amounts equivalent to amounts col-
21 lected as fees and received in the Treasury under
22 section 3.

23 (c) PROHIBITION.—Amounts in the Fund may not be
24 made available for any purpose other than a purpose de-
25 scribed in subsection (a).

26 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
2 the end of each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year
3 2010, the Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
4 tection Agency, the Secretary of Energy, and the
5 Secretary of Transportation shall jointly submit to
6 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
7 Representatives, the Committee on Appropriations of
8 the Senate, the Committee on Environment and
9 Public Works of the Senate, the Committee on
10 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
11 Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Nat-
12 ural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on
13 Resources of the House of Representatives a report
14 on the operation of the Fund during the fiscal year.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—Each report shall include, for
16 the fiscal year covered by the report, the following:

17 (A) A statement of the amounts deposited
18 into the Fund.

19 (B) A description of the expenditures made
20 from the Fund for the fiscal year, including the
21 purpose of the expenditures.

22 (C) Recommendations for additional au-
23 thorities to fulfill the purpose of the Fund.

24 (D) A statement of the balance remaining
25 in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

1 (e) SEPARATE APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT.—Section
2 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (35) and (36)
4 as paragraphs (36) and (37), respectively;

5 (2) by redesignating the second paragraph (33)
6 (relating to obligational authority and outlays re-
7 quired for homeland security) as paragraph (35);
8 and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(38) a separate statement for the Oil Depend-
11 ence Reduction Fund established under section 4(a)
12 of the Beyond Petroleum Act, which shall include
13 the estimated amount of deposits into the Fund, ob-
14 ligations, and outlays from the Fund.”.

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