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# H. R. 4480

To provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas exploration, development, and production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in response to a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 2012

Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. CANSECO, Mr. OLSON, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. LANDRY, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. BERG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Armed Services, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strategic Energy Pro-  
5 duction Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. PLAN FOR INCREASING DOMESTIC OIL AND GAS EX-**  
7 **PLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUC-**  
8 **TION FROM FEDERAL LANDS IN RESPONSE**  
9 **TO STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAW-**  
10 **DOWN.**

11 Section 161 of the Energy Policy and Conservation  
12 Act (42 U.S.C. 6241) is amended by adding at the end  
13 the following new subsection:

14 “(k) PLAN.—

15 “(1) CONTENTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
17 days after the date on which the Secretary exe-  
18 cutes, in accordance with the provisions of this  
19 section, the first sale after the date of enact-  
20 ment of this subsection of petroleum products  
21 in the Reserve the Secretary shall develop a  
22 plan to increase the percentage of Federal lands  
23 (including submerged lands of the Outer Conti-  
24 nental Shelf) under the jurisdiction of the Sec-  
25 retary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy,

1 the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary  
2 of Defense leased for oil and gas exploration,  
3 development, and production. The percentage of  
4 the total amount of the Federal lands described  
5 in the preceding sentence by which the plan de-  
6 veloped under this paragraph will increase leas-  
7 ing for oil and gas exploration, development,  
8 and production shall be the same as the per-  
9 centage of petroleum in the Strategic Petroleum  
10 Reserve that was drawn down.

11 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The plan devel-  
12 oped under this paragraph shall—

13 “(i) be consistent with a national en-  
14 ergy policy to meet the present and future  
15 energy needs of the Nation consistent with  
16 economic goals; and

17 “(ii) promote the interests of con-  
18 sumers through the provision of an ade-  
19 quate and reliable supply of domestic  
20 transportation fuels at the lowest reason-  
21 able cost.

22 “(C) ENERGY INFORMATION.—The Sec-  
23 retary shall base the determination of the  
24 present and future energy needs of the Nation,  
25 for purposes of subparagraph (B)(i), on infor-

1           mation from the Energy Information Adminis-  
2           tration.

3           “(2) LIMITATION.—The plan developed under  
4           paragraph (1) shall not provide for oil and gas ex-  
5           ploration, development, and production leasing of a  
6           total of more than 10 percent of the Federal lands  
7           described in paragraph (1)(A).

8           “(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall de-  
9           velop the plan required by paragraph (1) in con-  
10          sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-  
11          retary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense.  
12          Additionally, in developing the plan, the Secretary  
13          shall consult with the American Association of Pe-  
14          troleum Geologists and other State, environ-  
15          mentalist, and oil and gas industry stakeholders to  
16          determine the most geologically promising lands for  
17          production of oil and natural gas liquids.

18          “(4) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS.—  
19          Each Federal agency described in paragraph (1)(A)  
20          shall comply with any requirements established by  
21          the Secretary pursuant to the plan.

22          “(5) EXCLUSIONS.—The lands referred to in  
23          paragraph (1)(A) shall not include lands managed

- 1 under the National Park System or the National
- 2 Wilderness Preservation System.”.

