

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1224

To reconcile differing Federal approaches to condensate.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2015

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Condensate Act of  
5       2015”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT OF DEFINITION OF CONDENSATE.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy (referred  
8       to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall—

9               (1) develop a standard definition of the term  
10       “condensate”; and

1           (2) advise relevant Federal agencies to adopt  
2           that definition for the purpose of clarifying energy  
3           policy in the United States.

4           (b) OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY ASSESSMENT.—The  
5   Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy may assess the suit-  
6   ability of condensate separately from crude oil for use in  
7   strategic reserves, as determined necessary by the Sec-  
8   retary.

9           (c) ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION DATA  
10   COLLECTION.—The Administrator of the Energy Infor-  
11   mation Administration shall collect data regarding the  
12   chemical properties of condensate and crude oil produced  
13   in the United States.

14   **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ASSESSMENTS.**

15           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall  
16   direct the appropriate agencies within the Department of  
17   the Interior to assess condensate separately from crude  
18   oil, in accordance with this section.

19           (b) OFFICE OF NATURAL RESOURCES REVENUE  
20   DATA COLLECTION.—The Director of the Office of Nat-  
21   ural Resources Revenue may collect data regarding con-  
22   densate separately from crude oil produced in the United  
23   States.

24           (c) BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT.—  
25   The Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

1 may estimate condensate separately from crude oil as part  
2 of the resource assessments regarding geological forma-  
3 tions in the United States.

4 (d) UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—The Di-  
5 rector of the United States Geological Survey may include  
6 estimates of condensate separately from crude oil as part  
7 of the resource assessments regarding geological forma-  
8 tions in the United States.

9 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

10 It is the sense of Congress that processed condensate  
11 is a petroleum product.

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