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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2021

Ms. CHENEY (for herself, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. PERRY, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BUCK, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. LATTI, Mr. MANN, Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. ESTES, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. FALLON) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguarding Oil and
5 Gas Leasing and Permitting Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR ANY ORDER IM-**
2 **POSING A MORATORIUM ON FEDERAL OIL**
3 **AND GAS LEASING AND PERMITTING.**

4 Any order or other action by the President, Secretary
5 of the Interior, or Department of Interior official with del-
6 egated authority that has the effect of placing the Bureau
7 of Land Management in violation of its statutory require-
8 ments to process permits, approve permits within permit-
9 ting deadlines, and hold quarterly lease sales, with respect
10 to Federal oil and gas leasing and permitting, shall have
11 no force or effect unless—

12 (1) the proposed order or action is submitted to
13 Congress; and

14 (2) a joint resolution that approves the order or
15 action is enacted within 30 legislative days after re-
16 ceipt of such proposed order or action.

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