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H. RES. 1248

Of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the compliance with the obligations of the Mineral Leasing Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HERRELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the compliance with the obligations of the Mineral Leasing Act.

1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior is di-
2 rected to transmit to the House of Representatives, not
3 later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this
4 resolution, copies of any document, memorandum, cor-
5 respondence, and other communication or any portion of
6 any such communication, that refers or relates to the com-
7 pliance with the obligations of the Mineral Leasing Act,
8 including the following:

1 (1) All documents and communications relating
2 to the Mineral Leasing Act’s requirement to hold
3 quarterly lease sales in each eligible State, including
4 but not limited to—

5 (A) any reference to cancelling lease sales
6 in eligible sales;

7 (B) any reference to minimizing the acre-
8 age included in lease sales in eligible lease sales;
9 and

10 (C) any reference to the consequences of
11 failing to hold mandated lease sales.

12 (2) All documents and communications relating
13 to the Mineral Leasing Act’s requirement to process
14 Applications for Permit to Drill within 30 days of
15 receipt at the Bureau of Land Management, includ-
16 ing but not limited to—

17 (A) any reference to delays in the approval
18 process;

19 (B) any reference to the impact of staffing
20 levels on the ability to approve Applications for
21 Permit to Drill; and

22 (C) any reference to instructions to inten-
23 tionally slow the approval process.

24 (3) All documents and communications relating
25 to the economic implications of failing to hold quar-

1 terly lease sales in eligible States or approve Appli-
2 cations for Permit to Drill within 30 days, including
3 but not limited to—

4 (A) any reference to decreasing domestic
5 oil or natural gas production;

6 (B) any reference to increasing dependence
7 on foreign sources of oil or natural gas;

8 (C) any reference to implications of fund-
9 ing for the Land and Water Conservation
10 Fund; and

11 (D) any reference to implications of fund-
12 ing for State and local governments, including
13 support for schools and law enforcement.

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