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# H. R. 5663

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2006

Mr. GOHMERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. STATE HYPOCRISY REFORM.**

4 (a) Any State that does not allow the exploration or  
5 the production of oil or gas within that State's boundaries  
6 or within the contiguous coastal zones of that State is pro-  
7 hibited from receiving oil or gas produced in any other  
8 State in the United States or its contiguous coastal zone.

1           (b) As used in this section the term “State” means  
2 an entity that is a State of the United States, the District  
3 of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Vir-  
4 gin Islands of the United States, Guam, American Samoa,  
5 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Common-  
6 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any territory  
7 or possession of the United States, an Indian tribe, or a  
8 unit of local government of that entity.

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