

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1669

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 1993

Mr. CUNNINGHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. PRELEASING AND LEASING ACTIVITIES.**

4 The Secretary of the Interior shall not conduct a  
5 lease sale or issue a lease for oil or gas under the Outer  
6 Continental Shelf Lands Act in the Southern California,  
7 Central California, or Northern California Planning Areas  
8 until the later of—

9 (1) January 1, 2002; or

1           (2) 45 days of continuous session of the Con-  
2           gress after the issuance of the final environmental  
3           impact statement relating to the second 5 year oil  
4           and gas leasing program prepared under section 18  
5           of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act after the  
6           date of enactment of this Act.

7 **SEC. 2. EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.**

8           (a) MORATORIUM.—The Secretary of the Interior  
9           shall not approve any exploration plan, development and  
10          production plan, or application for permit to drill, or per-  
11          mit any drilling, for oil or gas under the Outer Continental  
12          Shelf Lands Act on any lands of the Outer Continental  
13          Shelf in the Southern California, Central California, or  
14          Northern California Planning Areas until 45 days of con-  
15          tinuous session of the Congress after submittal to the Con-  
16          gress of the completed studies described in subsection (b).

17          (b) STUDIES.—

18                 (1) DESCRIPTION OF STUDIES REQUIRED.—The  
19                 studies required under subsection (a) are studies  
20                 with respect to the Southern California, Central  
21                 California, and Northern California Planning Areas  
22                 to acquire information found inadequate for Outer  
23                 Continental Shelf lands offshore California by the  
24                 National Research Council report entitled “The Ade-  
25                 quacy of Environmental Information for Outer Con-

1        tinal Shelf Oil and Gas Decisions: Florida and  
2        California” issued in 1989 by the National Research  
3        Council’s Committee to Review the Outer Continen-  
4        tal Shelf Environmental Studies Program, and sup-  
5        ported by the President’s Outer Continental Shelf  
6        Leasing and Development Task Force through De-  
7        partment of the Interior Contract No.  
8        1435000130495.

9            (2) PEER REVIEW REQUIREMENT.—No study  
10        described in paragraph (1) shall be considered com-  
11        pleted unless such study has been reviewed, before  
12        submittal to the Congress, by at least 3 scientists  
13        who—

14            (A) shall be nominated by the Scripps In-  
15        stitute of Oceanography and approved by the  
16        Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of  
17        the State of California;

18            (B) are not employees of the Department  
19        of the Interior; and

20            (C) are well qualified in the scientific dis-  
21        ciplines required for performance of the particu-  
22        lar study or studies they review.

23        **SEC. 3. CONTINUOUS SESSION OF CONGRESS.**

24        In computing any 45-day period of continuous session  
25        of Congress under this Act—

1           (1) continuity of session is broken only by an  
2 adjournment of the Congress sine die; and

3           (2) the days on which either House of Congress  
4 is not in session because of an adjournment of more  
5 than 3 days to a day certain are excluded.

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