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# H. R. 2242

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases  
on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RIGGS (for himself, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. FILNER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. JONES, Mr. BILBRAY, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. TORRES, Mrs. SEASTRAND, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. FARR, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, Mr. HORN, Mr. FORBES, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil  
and gas leases on certain portions of the Outer Continental  
Shelf.

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. PROHIBITION.**

4 (a)(1) The Secretary shall not issue a lease, permit,  
5 or license for the exploration for or extraction of oil or  
6 gas on or from submerged lands described in subsection  
7 (b).

1       (2)(A) No person shall explore for or extract oil or  
2 gas on or from any area of the submerged lands described  
3 in subsection (b) after the date of the cancellation, expira-  
4 tion, relinquishment, surrender, or termination of a lease  
5 with respect to such area.

6       (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (A), this  
7 subsection shall not prohibit exploration for or extraction  
8 of oil or gas on or from any area of submerged lands under  
9 the terms of a lease, permit, or license in effect on the  
10 date of enactment of this Act with respect to such area.

11       (b)(1) The lands with respect to which subsection (a)  
12 applies shall include—

13           (A) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
14 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
15 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
16 of the State of Florida, including areas with respect  
17 to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing activi-  
18 ties existed before the date of enactment of this Act,  
19 and all submerged lands south of 26 degrees north  
20 latitude and east of 86 degrees west longitude;

21           (B) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
22 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
23 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
24 of the State of Georgia;

1 (C) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
2 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
3 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
4 of the State of South Carolina;

5 (D) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
6 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
7 lie within 175 miles of any point of the coast line  
8 of the State of North Carolina;

9 (E) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
10 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
11 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
12 of the State of Virginia;

13 (F) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
14 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
15 lie within 50 miles of any point of the coast line of  
16 the State of Maryland, including areas with respect  
17 to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing activi-  
18 ties existed before the date of enactment of this Act;

19 (G) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
20 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
21 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
22 of the State of Delaware, including areas with re-  
23 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
24 activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
25 Act;

1           (H) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
2           ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
3           lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line  
4           of the State of New Jersey, including areas with re-  
5           spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
6           activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
7           Act;

8           (I) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
9           ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
10          lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line  
11          of the State of New York, including areas with re-  
12          spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
13          activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
14          Act;

15          (J) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
16          ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
17          lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line  
18          of the State of Connecticut, including areas with re-  
19          spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
20          activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
21          Act;

22          (K) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
23          ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
24          lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line  
25          of the State of Rhode Island, including areas with

1 respect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
2 activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
3 Act;

4 (L) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
5 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
6 lie within 50 miles of any point of the coast line of  
7 the State of Massachusetts, including areas with re-  
8 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
9 activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
10 Act, and lands within the 400 meter isobath sur-  
11 rounding Georges Bank, identified by the Depart-  
12 ment of the Interior as consisting of the following  
13 blocks: in protraction diagram NJ 19-1, blocks  
14 numbered 12-16, 54-55 and 57-58; in protraction  
15 diagram NK 19-5, blocks numbered 744, 788, 831-  
16 832, and 1005-1008; in protraction diagram NK  
17 19-6, blocks numbered 489-491, 532-537, 574-  
18 576, 578-581, 618-627, 661-662, 664-671, 705-  
19 716, 749-761, 793-805, and 969-971; in protrac-  
20 tion diagram NK 19-8, blocks numbered 37-40, 80-  
21 84, 124-127, and 168-169; in protraction diagram  
22 NK 19-9, blocks numbered 13-18, 58-63, 102-105,  
23 107-108, 146-149, 151-152, 191-193, 195-197,  
24 235-237, 240-242, 280-282, 284-286, 324-331,  
25 368-376, 412-420, 456-465, 500-510, 543-554,

1 587–594, 596–599, 631–637, 640–644, 675–688,  
2 718–733, 762–778, 805–821, 846–865, 887–891,  
3 894–908, 930–950, and 972–994; in protraction  
4 diagram NK 19–10, blocks numbered 474–478,  
5 516–524, 560–568, 604–612, 647–660, 692–704,  
6 737–748, 787–792, 830–836, 873–880, 967–968,  
7 and 1011–1012; in protraction diagram NK 19–11,  
8 blocks numbered 621–632, 665–676, 700, 709–720,  
9 744, 753–764, 785, 797–808, 825–827, 841–852,  
10 856–860, 869, 890–905, 907–909, 929–931, 941–  
11 945, 947–949, 973–975, and 985–989; and in pro-  
12 traction diagram NK 19–12, blocks numbered 452–  
13 456, 495–499, 536–537, 539–541, 575–577, 579–  
14 582, 617–621, 623–624, 661–662, 664–665, and  
15 705–706;

16 (M) all submerged lands seaward from the  
17 landward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf  
18 that lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast  
19 line of the State of New Hampshire;

20 (N) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
21 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
22 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
23 of the State of Maine;

24 (O) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
25 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that

1 lie within 145 miles of any point of the coast line  
2 of the State of California, including areas with re-  
3 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
4 activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
5 Act;

6 (P) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
7 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
8 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
9 of the State of Oregon;

10 (Q) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
11 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
12 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
13 of the State of Washington; and

14 (R) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
15 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
16 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
17 of the State of Alaska, including areas with respect  
18 to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing activi-  
19 ties existed before the date of enactment of this Act.

20 (2) The lands with respect to which subsection (a)  
21 applies shall not include any portion of the Central or  
22 Western Gulf of Mexico planning areas of the Department  
23 of the Interior.

24 (c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding section 5(a)(2) (A) and  
25 (B) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.

1 1334(a)(2) (A) and (B)), the Secretary of the Interior  
2 shall cancel any lease or permit in effect on the date of  
3 enactment of this Act in areas described in subparagraph  
4 (B), and such cancellation shall entitle the lessee to receive  
5 compensation under section 5(a)(2)(C) of the Outer Con-  
6 tinental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1334(a)(2)(C)).

7 (B) The areas with respect to which subparagraph  
8 (A) applies are as follows:

9 (i) Any lands south of 26 degrees north latitude  
10 and east of 86 degrees west longitude.

11 (ii) Any lands within the North Aleutian Basin  
12 planning area of the Department of the Interior.

13 (2) The Secretary of the Interior shall report to the  
14 Congress by May 1, 1996, on alternative options for com-  
15 pensating leaseholders on blocks numbered 204, 246, 247,  
16 290, 291, 334, 335, 378, 379, 422, 423, 466, 467, 510,  
17 511, 553, 554, 555, 597, 598, 599, 640, 641, and 642  
18 on protraction diagram NI 18-2 of the Universal Trans-  
19 verse Mercator Grid System, assuming the compensation  
20 procedures outlined in section 5 of the Outer Continental  
21 Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1334). These options shall  
22 include, to the extent practicable, credits in lieu of appro-  
23 priations, such as credits on Federal royalties on produc-  
24 ing Outer Continental Shelf leases.

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