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# H. R. 6593

To terminate prohibitions on leasing of areas of the Outer Continental Shelf and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for exploration, development, and production of oil and natural gas, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMPSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science and Technology and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Domestic Drilling  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF MORATORIA ON OIL AND GAS**  
2 **LEASING OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**  
3 **SHELF AND ANWR.**

4 All provisions of Federal law that prohibit leasing of  
5 any area of the outer Continental Shelf or the Arctic Na-  
6 tional Wildlife Refuge for exploration, development, and  
7 production of oil and natural gas, or that prohibit the  
8 spending of appropriated funds to conduct oil and natural  
9 gas leasing, preleasing, and related activities for any such  
10 area, shall have no force or affect.

11 **SEC. 3. REVOCATION OF EXISTING PRESIDENTIAL WITH-**  
12 **DRAWALS.**

13 All withdrawals of Federal lands and submerged  
14 lands by the President under the authority of section  
15 12(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43  
16 U.S.C. 1341(a)) are hereby revoked and no longer in ef-  
17 fect.

18 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT OIL AND GAS RE-**  
19 **SOURCES INVENTORY AND LEASE SALES FOR**  
20 **THE OCS AND ANWR.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior  
22 shall, within 2 years after the date of enactment of this  
23 Act and under sections 8, 18, and 19 of the Outer Conti-  
24 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337, 1344, and  
25 1345)—

1           (1) conduct an inventory of the oil and natural  
2           gas resources of all submerged lands of the Outer  
3           Continental Shelf and all lands of the Arctic Na-  
4           tional Wildlife Refuge; and

5           (2) prepare a strategic five-year plan for the  
6           sale of oil and natural gas leases for such submerged  
7           lands and lands.

8           (b) DISPOSITION OF REVENUES.—The Secretary of  
9           the Treasury shall distribute funds from all bonus bids,  
10          rentals, royalties, and other sums collected each fiscal year  
11          by the United States under Federal oil and gas leases of  
12          areas that are available for such leasing as a result of the  
13          enactment of this Act, in the following manner:

14           (1) 25 percent shall be deposited into the Fund  
15          established by section 5(a).

16           (2) 25 percent shall be deposited into the gen-  
17          eral fund of the Treasury.

18           (3) 37.5 percent shall be paid to Alaska and  
19          other States that are affected States (as that term  
20          is defined in section 2(f) of the Outer Continental  
21          Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331(f)) with respect  
22          any such lease, in proportion to the amount of such  
23          funds collected under leases of areas in each such  
24          State or for which the laws of each such State are  
25          declared, pursuant to section 4(a)(2) of the Outer

1 Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.  
2 1333(a)(2)), to be the laws of the United States.

3 (4) 12.5 percent shall be used to provide finan-  
4 cial assistance to States in accordance with section  
5 6 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of  
6 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–8), which shall be considered  
7 income to the Land and Water Conservation Fund  
8 for purposes of section 2 of that Act (16 U.S.C.  
9 460l–8).

10 **SEC. 5. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESERVE FUND.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in  
12 the Treasury of the United States the Department of En-  
13 ergy Reserve Fund (in this section referred to as “the  
14 Fund”).

15 (b) USE OF FUND.—The Fund shall be available, to  
16 the extent provided in appropriations Acts, for the cost  
17 of subsequent legislation to promote research, develop-  
18 ment, and use of clean domestic energy, including clean  
19 domestic renewable energy, and to increase domestic en-  
20 ergy independence and energy security.

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