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H. R. 5513

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require payment of royalty on all oil and gas saved, removed, sold, or discharged under a lease under that Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2010

Ms. PINGREE of Maine introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Spilled Oil Royalty
5 Collection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF ROYALTY TO OIL THAT IS SAVED,**
2 **REMOVED, SOLD, OR DISCHARGED UNDER**
3 **OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a) of the Outer Conti-
5 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(9)(A) Notwithstanding the terms of any bidding
8 otherwise authorized by paragraph (1) and the authority
9 of the Secretary to reduce or eliminate royalty or net prof-
10 it share under paragraph (3), any royalty under a lease
11 under this section, other than a deepwater lease, shall
12 apply to all oil that is saved, removed, sold, or discharged,
13 without regard to whether any of the oil is unavoidably
14 lost or used on, or for the benefit of, the lease.

15 “(B) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (3)—

16 “(i) royalty shall apply to all oil that is dis-
17 charged under a deepwater lease, at a rate of not
18 less than 12½ percent fixed by the Secretary in
19 amount or value of any oil that is discharged; and

20 “(ii) such royalty shall apply without regard to
21 whether any of the oil is thereafter unavoidably lost.

22 “(C) In this paragraph—

23 “(i) the term ‘deepwater lease’ means a lease
24 for a tract in water depths of 200 meters or greater;
25 and

1 “(ii) the term ‘discharged’ means any emission
2 (other than natural seepage), intentional or uninten-
3 tional, and includes, but is not limited to, spilling,
4 leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, or
5 dumping.”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
7 April 15, 2010.

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