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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2011

Mr. Hastings of Washington (for himself, Mr. Lamborn, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Landry, Mr. Flores, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Mr. Duncan of South Carolina, Mr. Wittman, Mr. Broun of Georgia, Mr. Tipton, Mr. Gohmert, Mr. Denham, Mr. Duncan of Tennessee, Mr. Nunes, Mr. Boustany, Mr. Grimm, Mr. Scalise, Mr. Ross of Florida, Mr. Graves of Missouri, Mrs. Myrick, Mrs. Lummis, Mr. Gingrey of Georgia, Mr. Pompeo, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Capito, Mr. Westmoreland, Mr. Long, Mr. Simpson, Ms. Jenkins, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Heller, and Mrs. Hartzler) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mr. Manzullo, Mr. Stivers, Mrs. Noem, Mr. Terry, Mrs. McMorris Rodgers, Mr. Lewis of California, Mr. Nunnelee, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mr. Kline, Mr. Goodlatte, Mr. Rehberg, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Canseco, Mr. Woodall, Mr. Roe of Tennessee, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Fleischmann, Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Mr. Fincher, Mr. Paul, Mr. Coffman of Colorado, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Poe of Texas, Mr. Pence, Mr. Pearce, Mrs. Black, Mr. Scott of South Carolina, Mr. Brady of Texas, Mr. Carter, Mr. Farenthold, Mrs. Bachmann, Mrs. Eiler, Mr. Akin, and Mr. Calvert

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Restarting American
Offshore Leasing Now Act”.

SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND
GAS LEASE SALE 216 IN THE CENTRAL GULF
OF MEXICO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 216 under section
8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than 4 months
after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For the purposes of
that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for
the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Envi-
ronmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the re-
quirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of
1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND
GAS LEASE SALE 218 IN THE WESTERN GULF
OF MEXICO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 218 under section
8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
as soon as practicable, but not later than 8 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) **Environmental Review.**—For the purposes of that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Environmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE 220 ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFFSHORE VIRGINIA.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 220 under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C. 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) **Prohibition on Conflicts With Military Operations.**—The Secretary shall not make any tract available for leasing under this section if the President, through the Secretary of Defense, determines that drilling activity on that tract would create an unreasonable conflict with military operations.
SEC. 5. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE 222 IN THE CENTRAL GULF OF MEXICO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 222 under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C. 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than June 1, 2012.

(b) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For the purposes of that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Environmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:


(2) The term “Multi-Sale Environmental Impact Statement” means the Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Western Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales 204, 207, 210, 215,
and 218, and Proposed Central Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales 205, 206, 208, 213, 216, and 222 (September 2008) prepared by the Secretary of the Interior.
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