

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6289

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2020

Ms. OMAR (for herself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Ms. BARRAGÁN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Trump’s Oil Pay-
3 off Act of 2020” or “STOP Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF PROVISION OF THE MINERAL LEASING**
5 **ACT RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION, WAIV-**
6 **ER, OR REDUCTION OF RENTS OR ROYALTIES**
7 **BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO**
8 **PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OR OPERATION.**

9 (a) REPEAL.—Section 39 of the Mineral Leasing Act
10 (30 U.S.C. 209) is repealed.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) Section 8721(b) of title 10, United States
13 Code, is amended by striking “202–209” and insert-
14 ing “202–208”.

15 (2) Section 8735(a) of title 10, United States
16 Code, is amended by striking “202–209” and insert-
17 ing “202–208”.

18 (3) Section 31(h) of the Mineral Leasing Act
19 (30 U.S.C. 188(h)) is amended by striking “and the
20 provisions of section 39 of this Act”.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE SEC-**
2 **RETARY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE CERTAIN**
3 **ROYALTIES AND NET PROFIT SHARES UNDER**
4 **THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LANDS**
5 **ACT.**

6 Section 8(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands
7 Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)) is amended by striking para-
8 graph (3) and inserting the following:

9 “(3) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF SEC-
10 RETARY TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE CERTAIN ROYAL-
11 TIES OR NET PROFIT SHARES.—Notwithstanding
12 any other provision of this Act, the Secretary may
13 not reduce or eliminate any royalty or net profit
14 share established under a lease.”.

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