

Public Law 86-143

JOINT RESOLUTION

Consenting to an interstate compact to conserve oil and gas.

August 7, 1959  
[H. J. Res. 280]

Oil and gas  
compact.  
Extension.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to an extension and renewal for a period of four years from September 1, 1959, of the interstate compact to conserve oil and gas, which was signed in the city of Dallas, Texas, the 16th day of February 1935 by the representatives of Oklahoma, Texas, California, and New Mexico, and at the same time and place was signed by the representatives, as a recommendation for approval to the Governors and Legislatures of the States of Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, and Michigan, and prior to August 27, 1935, said compact was presented to and approved by the Legislatures and Governors of the States of New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado, and Texas, which said compact so approved by the six States last above named was deposited in the Department of State of the United States, and thereafterwards Congress gave its consent to said compact by H.J. Res. 407 (Public Resolution Numbered 64), for a period of two years and thereafterwards said compact was extended by Governors of the compacting States and Congress gave its consent thereto as follows: by S.J. Res. 183 (Public Resolution Numbered 57); by H.J. Res. 329 (Public Resolution Numbered 31); by H.J. Res. 228 (Public Law Numbered 246), each for a period of two years and thereafterwards further extended by H.J. Res. 139 (Public Law Numbered 117); by S.J. Res. 122 (Public Law Numbered 184); by S.J. Res. 42 (Public Law Numbered 128); and by S.J. Res. 38 (Public Law Numbered 185), all for a period of four years, until September 1, 1959.

49 Stat. 939.

50 Stat. 617.  
53 Stat. 1071.  
55 Stat. 666.

57 Stat. 383.  
61 Stat. 316.  
65 Stat. 199.  
69 Stat. 385.

The agreement to extend and renew said compact for a period of four years from September 1, 1959, to September 1, 1963, duly executed by representatives of the States of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming, has been deposited in the Department of State of the United States, and reads as follows:

“AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE INTERSTATE  
COMPACT TO CONSERVE OIL AND GAS

“WHEREAS, on the 16th day of February, 1935, in the City of Dallas, Texas, there was executed ‘AN INTERSTATE COMPACT TO CONSERVE OIL AND GAS’ which was thereafter formally ratified and approved by the states of Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Illinois, Colorado, and Kansas, the original of which is now on deposit with the Department of State of the United States, a true copy of which follows:

“AN INTERSTATE COMPACT TO CONSERVE OIL  
AND GAS

“ARTICLE I

“This agreement may become effective within any compacting state at any time as prescribed by that state, and shall become effective within those states ratifying it whenever any three of the States of Texas, Oklahoma, California, Kansas, and New Mexico have ratified and Congress has given its consent. Any oil-producing state may become a party hereto as hereinafter provided.

“ARTICLE II

“The purpose of this compact is to conserve oil and gas by the prevention of physical waste thereof from any cause.

“ARTICLE III

“Each state bound hereby agrees that within a reasonable time it will enact laws, or if the laws have been enacted, then it agrees to continue the same in force, to accomplish within reasonable limits the prevention of:

- “(a) The operation of any oil well with an inefficient gas-oil ratio.
- “(b) The drowning with water of any stratum capable of producing oil or gas, or both oil and gas, in paying quantities.
- “(c) The avoidable escape into the open air or the wasteful burning of gas from a natural gas well.

“(d) The creation of unnecessary fire hazards.

“(e) The drilling, equipping, locating, spacing, or operating of a well or wells so as to bring about physical waste of oil or gas or loss in the ultimate recovery thereof.

“(f) The inefficient, excessive, or improper use of the reservoir energy in producing any well.

“The enumeration of the foregoing subjects shall not limit the scope of the authority of any state.

“ARTICLE IV

“Each state bound hereby agrees that it will, within a reasonable time, enact statutes, or if such statutes have been enacted then that it will continue the same in force, providing in effect that oil produced in violation of its valid oil and/or gas conservation statutes or any valid rule, order or regulation promulgated thereunder, shall be denied access to commerce; and providing for stringent penalties for the waste of either oil or gas.

“ARTICLE V

“It is not the purpose of this compact to authorize the states joining herein to limit the production of oil or gas for the purpose of stabilizing or fixing the price thereof, or create or perpetuate monopoly, or to promote regimentation, but is limited to the purpose of conserving oil and gas and preventing the avoidable waste thereof within reasonable limitations.

## “ARTICLE VI

“Each state joining herein shall appoint one representative to a commission hereby constituted and designated as

## ““THE INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT COMMISSION.”

the duty of which said commission shall be to make inquiry and ascertain from time to time such methods, practices, circumstances, and conditions as may be disclosed for bringing about conservation and the prevention of physical waste of oil and gas, and at such intervals as said commission deems beneficial it shall report its findings and recommendations to the several States for adoption or rejection.

“The Commission shall have power to recommend the coordination of the exercise of the police powers of the several states within their several jurisdictions to promote the maximum ultimate recovery from the petroleum reserves of said states, and to recommend measures for the maximum ultimate recovery of oil and gas. Said Commission shall organize and adopt suitable rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.

“No action shall be taken by the Commission except: (1) by the affirmative votes of the majority of the whole number of the compacting States represented at any meeting, and (2) by a concurring vote of a majority in interest of the compacting States at said meeting, such interest to be determined as follows: such vote of each State shall be in the decimal proportion fixed by the ratio of its daily average production during the preceding calendar half-year to the daily average production of the compacting States during said period.

## “ARTICLE VII

“No State by joining herein shall become financially obligated to any other State, nor shall the breach of the terms hereof by any State subject such State to financial responsibility to the other States joining herein.

## “ARTICLE VIII

“This compact shall expire September 1, 1937. But any State joining herein may, upon sixty (60) days notice, withdraw herefrom.

“The representatives of the signatory States have signed this agreement in a single original which shall be deposited in the archives of the Department of State of the United States, and a duly certified copy shall be forwarded to the Governor of each of the signatory states.

“This compact shall become effective when ratified and approved as provided in Article I. Any oil-producing State may become a party hereto by affixing its signature to a counterpart to be similarly deposited, certified, and ratified.

“WHEREAS, the said Interstate Compact to Conserve Oil and Gas has heretofore been duly renewed and extended with the consent of the Congress to September 1, 1955; and

“WHEREAS, it is desired to renew and extend the said Interstate Compact to Conserve Oil and Gas for a period of four (4) years from September 1, 1959, to September 1, 1963:

“NOW, THEREFORE, THIS WRITING WITNESSETH:

“It is hereby agreed that the Compact entitled

“AN INTERSTATE COMPACT TO CONSERVE OIL AND GAS’ executed in the City of Dallas, Texas, on the 16th of February, 1935, and now on deposit with the Department of State of the United States, a correct copy of which appears above, be, and the same hereby

is, extended for a period of four (4) years from September 1, 1959, its present date of expiration, to September 1, 1963. This agreement shall become effective when executed, ratified, and approved as provided in Article I of the Original Compact.

"The signatory States have executed this agreement in a single original which shall be deposited in the archives of the Department of State of the United States and a duly certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Governor of each of the signatory States. Any oil-producing state may become a party hereto by executing a counterpart of this agreement to be similarly deposited, certified and ratified.

"EXECUTED by the several undersigned states, at their several state capitols, through their proper officials on the dates as shown, as duly authorized by statutes and resolutions, subject to the limitations and qualifications of the acts of the respective State Legislatures.

"THE STATE OF ALABAMA

"By JAMES E. FOLSOM, Governor

"Dated: 10-22-58

"Attest: MARY TEXAS HUNT GARNER

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

"THE STATE OF ALASKA

"By \_\_\_\_\_, Governor

"Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

"Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

"THE STATE OF ARIZONA

"By PAUL J. FANNIN, Governor

"Dated: 1-29-59

"Attest: WESLEY BOLIN

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

"THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

"By ORVAL E. FAUBUS, Governor

"Dated: 1-28-59

"Attest: C. G. HALL

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

"THE STATE OF COLORADO

"By STEVE McNICHOLS, Governor

"Dated: 8-1-58

"Attest: GEORGE J. BAKER

"Secretary of State

"By: F. J. SERAFINI

"Deputy

"(SEAL)

"THE STATE OF FLORIDA

"By LeROY COLLINS, Governor

"Dated: 10-28-58

"Attest: R. A. GRAY

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

"By \_\_\_\_\_, Governor

"Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

"Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF INDIANA

"By HAROLD W. HANDLEY, Governor

"Dated: 8-18-58

"Attest: FRANK A. LENNING

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF KANSAS

"By \_\_\_\_\_, Governor

"Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

"Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF KENTUCKY

"By ALBERT B. CHANDLER, Governor

"Dated: 2-5-59

"Attest: THELMA L. STOVALL

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

"By EARL K. LONG, Governor

"Dated: 11-12-58

"Attest: WADE O. MARTIN, JR.

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

"By G. MENNEN WILLIAMS, Governor

"Dated: 1-12-59

"Attest: JAMES M. HARE

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

"By JAMES P. COLEMAN, Governor

"Dated: 10-15-58

"Attest: HEBER A. LADNER

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF MONTANA

"By J. HUGO ARONSON, Governor

"Dated: 8-28-58

"Attest: FRANK MURRAY

"Secretary of State

"By: WILLIAM J. CARL

"Deputy

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

"By VICTOR E. ANDERSON, Governor

"Dated: 9-11-58

"Attest: FRANK MARSH

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF NEVADA

"By CHARLES H. RUSSELL, Governor

"Dated: 9-29-58

"Attest: JOHN KOONTZ

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

"By EDWIN L. MECHEM, Governor

"Dated: 8-9-58

"Attest: NATALIE S. BUCK

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF NEW YORK

"By AVERELL HARRIMAN, Governor

"Dated: 12-5-58

"Attest: CARMINE G. DeSAPIO

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

"By JOHN E. DAVIS, Governor

"Dated: 10-6-58

"Attest: BEN MEIER

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF OHIO

"By C. WILLIAM O'NEILL, Governor

"Dated: 8-20-58

"Attest: TED W. BROWN

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

"By RAYMOND GARY, Governor

"Dated: 7-30-58

"Attest: ANDY ANDERSON

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

"By GEORGE M. LEADER, Governor

"Dated: 12-16-58

"Attest: JOHN S. RICE

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

"By RALPH HERSETH, Governor

"Dated: 2-9-59

"Attest: SELMA SANDNESS

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

"By BUFORD ELLINGTON, Governor

"Dated: 2-6-59

"Attest: JOE C. CARR

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF TEXAS

"By PRICE DANIEL, Governor

"Dated: 8-25-58

"Attest: ZOLLIE STEAKLEY

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF UTAH

"By GEORGE D. CLYDE, Governor

"Dated: 9-22-58

"Attest: LAMONT F. TORONTO

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

"By ALBERT D. ROSELLINI, Governor

"Dated: 2-19-59

"Attest: VICTOR A. MEYERS

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

"By CECIL H. UNDERWOOD, Governor

"Dated: 9-4-58

"Attest: HELEN HOLT

"Secretary of State

"(SEAL)

## "THE STATE OF WYOMING

"By MILWARD L. SIMPSON, Governor

"Dated: 7-28-58

"Attest: RAY ROBERTSON

"Deputy Secretary of State

"(SEAL)"

## Report.

SEC. 2. The Attorney General of the United States shall make an annual report to Congress for the duration of the Interstate Compact to Conserve Oil and Gas as to whether or not the activities of the States under the provisions of such compact have been consistent with the purpose as set out in article V of such compact.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal the provisions of the first section of this joint resolution is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 7, 1959.

## Public Law 86-144

## AN ACT

August 7, 1959  
[H. R. 4340]

To amend sections 43 and 34 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 71, 62) to simplify the filling of referee vacancies.

Bankruptcy Act,  
referee vacancies.

60 Stat. 328,  
11 USC 71(b).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subdivision b of section 43 of the Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C. 71b) is hereby amended to read as follows: