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H. R. 4091

To dissolve the Minerals Management Service of the Department of the Interior.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 19, 1998

Mr. SKEEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

To dissolve the Minerals Management Service of the Department of the Interior.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the Department of the Interior must
6 streamline operations and use the savings from
7 streamlining for other programs;

8 (2) the Congress and executive branch have
9 prohibited expansion of the offshore oil and gas pro-

1 gram into new areas, thus containing it in the Gulf
2 of Mexico and Alaska;

3 (3) reorganization of the Minerals Management
4 Service to place the offshore oil and gas functions
5 under the direct management of Presidential ap-
6 pointees confirmed by the United States Senate will
7 bring more accountability; and

8 (4) royalty functions should be maintained at
9 the Assistant Secretary level because of the Sec-
10 retary's trust responsibility to Indian oil, gas, and
11 mineral activities.

12 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF MMS AND TRANSFER OF FUNC-**
13 **TIONS.**

14 The Secretary of the Interior shall terminate the Min-
15 erals Management Service and transfer the functions of
16 the Offshore Minerals Management Division to the Bu-
17 reau of Land Management and the functions of the Roy-
18 alty Management Program to the office of the Assistant
19 Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget.

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