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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 1998

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ROBB, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. GRAHAM) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coastal States Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE MORATORIA ON OFFSHORE MINERAL LEAS-**
2 **ING.**

3 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
4 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(p) STATE MORATORIA.—When there is in effect
7 with respect to lands beneath navigable waters of a coastal
8 State a moratorium on oil, gas, or other mineral explo-
9 ration, development, or production activities established by
10 statute or by order of the Governor, the Secretary shall
11 not issue a lease for the exploration, development, or pro-
12 duction of minerals on submerged lands of the outer Con-
13 tinental Shelf that are seaward of or adjacent to those
14 lands.”.

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