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To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases  
on certain portions of the Outer Continental Shelf.

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

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## A BILL

To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil  
and gas leases on certain portions of the Outer Continental  
Shelf.

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. PROHIBITION.**

4       (a)(1) The Secretary of the Interior shall not issue  
5       a lease, permit, or license for the exploration for or extrac-  
6       tion of oil or gas on or from submerged lands described  
7       in subsection (b).

8       (2)(A) No person shall explore for or extract oil or  
9       gas on or from any area of the submerged lands described  
10      in subsection (b) after the date of the cancellation, expira-

1 tion, relinquishment, surrender, or termination of a lease  
2 with respect to such area.

3 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (A), this  
4 subsection shall not prohibit exploration for or extraction  
5 of oil or gas on or from any area of submerged lands under  
6 the terms of a lease, permit, or license in effect on the  
7 date of enactment of this Act with respect to such area.

8 (b)(1) The lands with respect to which subsection (a)  
9 applies shall include—

10 (A) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
11 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
12 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
13 of the State of Florida, including areas with respect  
14 to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing activi-  
15 ties existed before the date of enactment of this Act,  
16 and all submerged lands south of 26 degrees north  
17 latitude and east of 86 degrees west longitude;

18 (B) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
19 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
20 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
21 of the State of Georgia;

22 (C) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
23 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
24 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
25 of the State of South Carolina;

1           (D) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
2           ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
3           lie within 175 miles of any point of the coast line  
4           of the State of North Carolina;

5           (E) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
6           ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
7           lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
8           of the State of Virginia;

9           (F) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
10          ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
11          lie within 50 miles of any point of the coast line of  
12          the State of Maryland, including areas with respect  
13          to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing activi-  
14          ties existed before the date of enactment of this Act;

15          (G) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
16          ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
17          lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
18          of the State of Delaware, including areas with re-  
19          spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
20          activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
21          Act;

22          (H) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
23          ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
24          lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line  
25          of the State of New Jersey, including areas with re-

1       spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
2       activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
3       Act;

4           (I) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
5       ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
6       lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line  
7       of the State of New York, including areas with re-  
8       spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
9       activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
10      Act;

11          (J) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
12      ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
13      lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line  
14      of the State of Connecticut, including areas with re-  
15      spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
16      activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
17      Act;

18          (K) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
19      ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
20      lie within 125 miles of any point of the coast line  
21      of the State of Rhode Island, including areas with  
22      respect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
23      activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
24      Act;

1 (L) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
2 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
3 lie within 50 miles of any point of the coast line of  
4 the State of Massachusetts, including areas with re-  
5 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing  
6 activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
7 Act, and lands within the 400 meter isobath sur-  
8 rounding Georges Bank, identified by the Depart-  
9 ment of the Interior as consisting of the following  
10 blocks: in protraction diagram NJ 19-1, blocks  
11 numbered 12-16, 54-55 and 57-58; in protraction  
12 diagram NK 19-5, blocks numbered 744, 788, 831-  
13 832, and 1005-1008; in protraction diagram NK  
14 19-6, blocks numbered 489-491, 532-537, 574-  
15 576, 578-581, 618-627, 661-662, 664-671, 705-  
16 716, 749-761, 793-805, and 969-971; in protrac-  
17 tion diagram NK 19-8, blocks numbered 37-40, 80-  
18 84, 124-127, and 168-169; in protraction diagram  
19 NK 19-9, blocks numbered 13-18, 58-63, 102-105,  
20 107-108, 146-149, 151-152, 191-193, 195-197,  
21 235-237, 240-242, 280-282, 284-286, 324-331,  
22 368-376, 412-420, 456-465, 500-510, 543-554,  
23 587-594, 596-599, 631-637, 640-644, 675-688,  
24 718-733, 762-778, 805-821, 846-865, 887-891,  
25 894-908, 930-950, and 972-994; in protraction

1 diagram NK 19–10, blocks numbered 474–478,  
2 516–524, 560–568, 604–612, 647–660, 692–704,  
3 737–748, 787–792, 830–836, 873–880, 967–968,  
4 and 1011–1012; in protraction diagram NK 19–11,  
5 blocks numbered 621–632, 665–676, 700, 709–720,  
6 744, 753–764, 785, 797–808, 825–827, 841–852,  
7 856–860, 869, 890–905, 907–909, 929–931, 941–  
8 945, 947–949, 973–975, and 985–989; and in pro-  
9 traction diagram NK 19–12, blocks numbered 452–  
10 456, 495–499, 536–537, 539–541, 575–577, 579–  
11 582, 617–621, 623–624, 661–662, 664–665, and  
12 705–706;

13 (M) all submerged lands seaward from the  
14 landward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf  
15 that lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast  
16 line of the State of New Hampshire;

17 (N) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
18 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
19 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
20 of the State of Maine;

21 (O) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
22 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
23 lie within 145 miles of any point of the coast line  
24 of the State of California, including areas with re-  
25 spect to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing

1 activities existed before the date of enactment of this  
2 Act;

3 (P) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
4 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
5 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
6 of the State of Oregon;

7 (Q) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
8 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
9 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
10 of the State of Washington; and

11 (R) all submerged lands seaward from the land-  
12 ward boundary of the Outer Continental Shelf that  
13 lie within 100 miles of any point of the coast line  
14 of the State of Alaska, including areas with respect  
15 to which a moratorium on oil and gas leasing activi-  
16 ties existed before the date of enactment of this Act.

17 (2) The lands with respect to which subsection (a)  
18 applies shall not include any portion of the Central or  
19 Western Gulf of Mexico planning areas of the Department  
20 of the Interior.

21 (c)(1)(A) Notwithstanding section 5(a)(2) (A) and  
22 (B) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.  
23 1334(a)(2) (A) and (B)), the Secretary of the Interior  
24 shall cancel any lease or permit in effect on the date of  
25 enactment of this Act in areas described in subparagraph

1 (B), and such cancellation shall entitle the lessee to receive  
2 compensation under section 5(a)(2)(C) of the Outer Con-  
3 tinental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1334(a)(2)(C)).

4 (B) The areas with respect to which subparagraph  
5 (A) applies are as follows:

6 (i) Any lands south of 26 degrees north latitude  
7 and east of 86 degrees west longitude.

8 (ii) Any lands within the North Aleutian Basin  
9 planning area of the Department of the Interior.

10 (2) The Secretary of the Interior shall report to the  
11 Congress within 9 months after the date of the enactment  
12 of this Act on alternative options for compensating lease-  
13 holders on blocks numbered 204, 246, 247, 290, 291, 334,  
14 335, 378, 379, 422, 423, 466, 467, 510, 511, 553, 554,  
15 555, 597, 598, 599, 640, 641, and 642 on protraction dia-  
16 gram NI 18–2 of the Universal Transverse Mercator Grid  
17 System, assuming the compensation procedures outlined  
18 in section 5 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43  
19 U.S.C. 1334). These options shall include, to the extent  
20 practicable, credits in lieu of appropriations, such as cred-  
21 its on Federal royalties on producing Outer Continental  
22 Shelf leases.

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