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To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to cease mineral leasing activity on the outer Continental Shelf seaward of a coastal State that has declared a moratorium on mineral exploration, development, or production activity in State water.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 19, 1999

Mrs. BOXER 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 land beneath navigable water (as defined
8 in section 2 of the Submerged Lands Act (16 U.S.C.
9 1301)) of a coastal State a moratorium on oil, gas, or
10 other mineral exploration, development, or production ac-
11 tivity established by statute or by order of the Governor,
12 the Secretary shall not issue a lease for the exploration,
13 development, or production of minerals on the outer Con-
14 tinental Shelf that is seaward of or adjacent to that
15 land.”.

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