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# H. CON. RES. 152

Encouraging States bordering the Great Lakes, and the Canadian Province of Ontario to prohibit off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Encouraging States bordering the Great Lakes, and the Canadian Province of Ontario to prohibit off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas, and for other purposes.

Whereas the water resources of the Great Lakes Basin are precious public natural resources, shared and held in trust by the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, and the Canadian Province of Ontario;

Whereas the environmental dangers associated with off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas outweigh the potential benefits of such drilling;

Whereas in accordance with the Submerged Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.), each State that borders any of the Great Lakes has authority over the area between that State's coastline and the boundary of Canada or another State;

Whereas the States of Illinois, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin each have a statutory prohibition of off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas;

Whereas the States of Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio do not have such a prohibition; and

Whereas the Canadian Province of Ontario does not have such a prohibition, and drilling for and production of gas occurs in the Canadian portion of Lake Erie: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress encourages—

3            (1) the States of Illinois, Michigan, New York,  
4            Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to continue to prohibit  
5            off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas;

6            (2) the States of Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio  
7            and the Canadian Province of Ontario to enact a  
8            prohibition of such drilling; and

9            (3) the Canadian Province of Ontario to require  
10          the cessation of any such drilling and any production  
11          resulting from such drilling.

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