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S. 1808

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to encourage the development of natural gas and oil resources on Federal land.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2001

Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Mineral Leasing Act
5 Revision of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL GAS AND OIL RE-**
7 **SOURCES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 27(d) of the Mineral
9 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 184(d)) is amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence of paragraph (1), by
 2 inserting “producing acreage and” after “*Provided,*
 3 *however,* That”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) DEFINITION OF PRODUCING ACREAGE.—In
 6 this subsection, the term ‘producing acreage’ means
 7 any lease—

8 “(A) for which minimum royalty, royalty,
 9 royalty in kind, or compensatory royalty has
 10 been—

11 “(i) paid during the calendar year; or

12 “(ii) waived by the Secretary of the
 13 Interior; or

14 “(B) that has been committed to a feder-
 15 ally approved cooperative plan, unit plan, or
 16 communitization agreement.”.

17 (b) APPLICATION.—Section 27 of the Mineral Leas-
 18 ing Act (30 U.S.C. 184) shall apply separately to land
 19 leased under the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands
 20 (30 U.S.C. 351 et seq.).

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