

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3251

To permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2005

Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mr. MACK, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. KELLER, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. SHAW, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. FEENEY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mr. MEEK of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Florida Coastline Pro-
5 tection Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CER-**
2 **TAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**
3 **SHELF.**

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

7 “(p) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any
10 other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a
11 lease for the exploration, development, or production of
12 oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in—

13 “(1) the eastern Gulf of Mexico planning area;

14 “(2) the Straits of Florida planning area; or

15 “(3) the South Atlantic planning area, extend-
16 ing from the Straits of Florida planning area to the
17 border between the States of Florida and Georgia.”.

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