

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3811

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

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

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## 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. TERMINATION OF LAWS PROHIBITING THE**  
4 **SPENDING OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR**  
5 **OCS LEASING ACTIVITIES.**

6 All provisions of existing Federal law prohibiting the  
7 spending of appropriated funds to conduct oil and natural

1 gas leasing and preleasing activities for any area of the  
2 Outer Continental Shelf shall have no force or effect.

3 **SEC. 2. REVOCATION OF EXISTING PRESIDENTIAL WITH-**  
4 **DRAWALS.**

5 All existing withdrawals by the President under the  
6 authority of section 12 of the Outer Continental Shelf  
7 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1341) are hereby revoked and are  
8 no longer in effect.

9 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT LEASE SALE FOR SUB-**  
10 **MERGED LANDS OF THE OUTER CONTI-**  
11 **NENTAL SHELF IN THE EASTERN GULF OF**  
12 **MEXICO.**

13 The Secretary of the Interior shall, 180 days the date  
14 of the enactment of this Act and under section 8 of the  
15 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337), con-  
16 duct a sale of oil and gas leases on all submerged lands  
17 of the outer Continental Shelf in the Eastern Gulf of Mex-  
18 ico that—

19 (1) are depicted as “Leased or Deferred-Not  
20 Offered” on the Minerals Management Service docu-  
21 ment entitled “Eastern Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale  
22 181, December 2001 Lease Terms, Economic Condi-  
23 tions, Stipulations, and Deferred Blocks for the  
24 FINAL NOTICE OF SALE 181”; and

1           (2) are not subject to a lease under that sec-  
2       tion.

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