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To restore fairness in the provision of incentives for oil and gas production,
and for other purposes.

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Mr. HINCHEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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

A BILL

To restore fairness in the provision of incentives for oil
and gas production, and for other purposes.

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; ETC.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Energy Fairness for America Act”.

6 (b) AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.—Except as other-
7 wise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amend-
8 ment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment
9 to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference

1 shall be considered to be made to a section or other provi-
 2 sion of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

3 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 4 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; etc.
- Sec. 2. Termination of deduction for intangible drilling and development costs.
- Sec. 3. Termination of percentage depletion allowance for oil and gas wells.
- Sec. 4. Termination of enhanced oil recovery credit.
- Sec. 5. Termination of certain provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
- Sec. 6. Termination of certain tax provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
- Sec. 7. Revaluation of LIFO inventories of large integrated oil companies.
- Sec. 8. Modifications of foreign tax credit rules applicable to dual capacity tax-
 payers.
- Sec. 9. Rules relating to foreign oil and gas income.
- Sec. 10. Elimination of deferral for foreign oil and gas extraction income.

5 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF DEDUCTION FOR INTANGIBLE**
 6 **DRILLING AND DEVELOPMENT COSTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 263(c) is amended by
 8 adding at the end the following new sentence: “This sub-
 9 section shall not apply to any taxable year beginning after
 10 the date of the enactment of this sentence.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Paragraphs (2)
 12 and (3) of section 291(b) are each amended by striking
 13 “section 263(c), 616(a),” and inserting “section 616(a)”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 15 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 16 the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF PERCENTAGE DEPLETION AL-**
 18 **LOWANCE FOR OIL AND GAS WELLS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 613A is amended by add-
 20 ing at the end the following new subsection:

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 SEC. 4. TERMINATION OF ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY CRED-
9 IT.

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 43 is amended by adding
11 at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) **TERMINATION.**—This section shall not apply to
any taxable year beginning after the date of the enactment
of this subsection.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 SEC. 5. TERMINATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE
19 ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The following provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 are repealed on and after the date of the enactment of this Act:

(1) Section 342 (relating to program on oil and gas royalties in-kind).

(3) Section 344 (relating to incentives for natural gas production from deep wells in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico).

6 (4) Section 345 (relating to royalty relief for
7 deep water production).

8 (5) Section 357 (relating to comprehensive in-
9 ventory of OCS oil and natural gas resources).

10 (b) TERMINATION OF ALASKA OFFSHORE ROYALTY
11 SUSPENSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a)(3)(B) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(3)(B)) is amended by striking “and in the Planning Areas offshore Alaska”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall take effect on and after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 SEC. 6. TERMINATION OF CERTAIN TAX PROVISIONS OF
20 THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005.

(a) ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PROPERTY TREATED
AS 15-YEAR PROPERTY.—Section 168(e)(3)(E)(vii) is
amended by inserting “, and before the date of the enact-
ment of the Energy Fairness for America Act” after
“April 11, 2005”.

1 (b) TEMPORARY EXPENSING OF EQUIPMENT USED
2 IN REFINING LIQUID FUELS.—Section 179C(c)(1) is
3 amended—

4 (1) by striking “January 1, 2012” and insert-
5 ing “the date of the enactment of the Energy Fair-
6 ness for America Act”, and

7 (2) by striking “January 1, 2008” and insert-
8 ing “the date of the enactment of the Energy Fair-
9 ness for America Act”.

10 (c) NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION LINES TREATED
11 AS 15-YEAR PROPERTY.—Section 168(e)(3)(E)(viii) is
12 amended by striking “January 1, 2011” and inserting
13 “the date of the enactment of the Energy Fairness for
14 America Act”.

15 (d) NATURAL GAS GATHERING LINES TREATED AS
16 7-YEAR PROPERTY.—Section 168(e)(3)(C)(iv) is amended
17 by inserting “, and before the date of the enactment of
18 the Energy Fairness for America Act” after “April 11,
19 2005”.

20 (e) DETERMINATION OF SMALL REFINER EXCEP-
21 TION TO OIL DEPLETION DEDUCTION.—Section 1328(b)
22 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 is amended by inserting
23 “and beginning before the date of the enactment of the
24 Energy Fairness for America Act” after “this Act”.

1 (f) AMORTIZATION OF GEOLOGICAL AND GEO-
 2 PHYSICAL EXPENDITURES.—Section 167(h) is amended
 3 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(5) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall not
 5 apply to any taxable year beginning after the date
 6 of the enactment of the Energy Fairness for Amer-
 7 ica Act.”.

8 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 9 this section shall take effect on and after the date of the
 10 enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 7. REVALUATION OF LIFO INVENTORIES OF LARGE IN-**
 12 **TEGRATED OIL COMPANIES.**

13 (a) GENERAL RULE.—Notwithstanding any other
 14 provision of law, if a taxpayer is an applicable integrated
 15 oil company for its last taxable year ending in calendar
 16 year 2006, the taxpayer shall—

17 (1) increase, effective as of the close of such
 18 taxable year, the value of each historic LIFO layer
 19 of inventories of crude oil, natural gas, or any other
 20 petroleum product (within the meaning of section
 21 4611) by the layer adjustment amount, and

22 (2) decrease its cost of goods sold for such tax-
 23 able year by the aggregate amount of the increases
 24 under paragraph (1).

1 If the aggregate amount of the increases under paragraph
 2 (1) exceed the taxpayer's cost of goods sold for such tax-
 3 able year, the taxpayer's gross income for such taxable
 4 year shall be increased by the amount of such excess.

5 (b) LAYER ADJUSTMENT AMOUNT.—For purposes of
 6 this section—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “layer adjustment
 8 amount” means, with respect to any historic LIFO
 9 layer, the product of—

10 (A) \$18.75, and

11 (B) the number of barrels of crude oil (or
 12 in the case of natural gas or other petroleum
 13 products, the number of barrel-of-oil equiva-
 14 lents) represented by the layer.

15 (2) BARREL-OF-OIL EQUIVALENT.—The term
 16 “barrel-of-oil equivalent” has the meaning given
 17 such term by section 29(d)(5) (as in effect before its
 18 redesignation by the Energy Tax Incentives Act of
 19 2005).

20 (c) APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENT.—

21 (1) NO CHANGE IN METHOD OF ACCOUNTING.—
 22 Any adjustment required by this section shall not be
 23 treated as a change in method of accounting.

24 (2) UNDERPAYMENTS OF ESTIMATED TAX.—No
 25 addition to the tax shall be made under section 6655

1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
 2 failure by corporation to pay estimated tax) with re-
 3 spect to any underpayment of an installment re-
 4 quired to be paid with respect to the taxable year
 5 described in subsection (a) to the extent such under-
 6 payment was created or increased by this section.

7 (d) APPLICABLE INTEGRATED OIL COMPANY.—For
 8 purposes of this section, the term “applicable integrated
 9 oil company” means an integrated oil company (as defined
 10 in section 291(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of
 11 1986) which has an average daily worldwide production
 12 of crude oil of at least 500,000 barrels for the taxable
 13 year and which had gross receipts in excess of
 14 \$1,000,000,000 for its last taxable year ending during cal-
 15 endar year 2006. For purposes of this subsection all per-
 16 sons treated as a single employer under subsections (a)
 17 and (b) of section 52 of the Internal Revenue Code of
 18 1986 shall be treated as 1 person and, in the case of a
 19 short taxable year, the rule under section 448(c)(3)(B)
 20 shall apply.

21 **SEC. 8. MODIFICATIONS OF FOREIGN TAX CREDIT RULES**

22 **APPLICABLE TO DUAL CAPACITY TAXPAYERS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 901 (relating to credit for
 24 taxes of foreign countries and of possessions of the United
 25 States) is amended by redesignating subsection (m) as

1 subsection (n) and by inserting after subsection (l) the fol-
 2 lowing new subsection:

3 “(m) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO DUAL CAPACITY
 4 TAXPAYERS.—

5 “(1) GENERAL RULE.—Notwithstanding any
 6 other provision of this chapter, any amount paid or
 7 accrued by a dual capacity taxpayer to a foreign
 8 country or possession of the United States for any
 9 period shall not be considered a tax—

10 “(A) if, for such period, the foreign coun-
 11 try or possession does not impose a generally
 12 applicable income tax, or

13 “(B) to the extent such amount exceeds
 14 the amount (determined in accordance with reg-
 15 ulations) which—

16 “(i) is paid by such dual capacity tax-
 17 payer pursuant to the generally applicable
 18 income tax imposed by the country or pos-
 19 session, or

20 “(ii) would be paid if the generally ap-
 21 plicable income tax imposed by the country
 22 or possession were applicable to such dual
 23 capacity taxpayer.

24 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to
 25 imply the proper treatment of any such amount

1 not in excess of the amount determined under
2 subparagraph (B).

3 “(2) DUAL CAPACITY TAXPAYER.—For pur-
4 poses of this subsection, the term ‘dual capacity tax-
5 payer’ means, with respect to any foreign country or
6 possession of the United States, a person who—

7 “(A) is subject to a levy of such country or
8 possession, and

9 “(B) receives (or will receive) directly or
10 indirectly a specific economic benefit (as deter-
11 mined in accordance with regulations) from
12 such country or possession.

13 “(3) GENERALLY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX.—
14 For purposes of this subsection—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘generally
16 applicable income tax’ means an income tax (or
17 a series of income taxes) which is generally im-
18 posed under the laws of a foreign country or
19 possession on income derived from the conduct
20 of a trade or business within such country or
21 possession.

22 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Such term shall not
23 include a tax unless it has substantial applica-
24 tion, by its terms and in practice, to—

1 “(i) persons who are not dual capacity
2 taxpayers, and

3 “(ii) persons who are citizens or resi-
4 dents of the foreign country or posses-
5 sion.”

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall apply to taxes paid or accrued in
9 taxable years beginning after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act.

11 (2) CONTRARY TREATY OBLIGATIONS
12 UPHELD.—The amendments made by this section
13 shall not apply to the extent contrary to any treaty
14 obligation of the United States.

15 **SEC. 9. RULES RELATING TO FOREIGN OIL AND GAS IN-**
16 **COME.**

17 (a) SEPARATE BASKET FOR FOREIGN TAX CRED-
18 IT.—Paragraph (1) of section 904(d), as in effect for
19 years beginning after 2006, is amended by striking “and”
20 at the end of subparagraph (A), by striking the period
21 at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting “, and”,
22 and by adding at the end the following:

23 “(C) foreign oil and gas income.”

24 (b) DEFINITION.—Section 904(d)(2), as in effect for
25 years after 2006, is amended by redesignating subpara-

1 graphs (J) and (K) as subparagraphs (K) and (L) and
 2 by inserting after subparagraph (I) the following:

3 “(J) FOREIGN OIL AND GAS INCOME.—For
 4 purposes of this section—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘foreign
 6 oil and gas income’ has the meaning given
 7 such term by section 954(g).

8 “(ii) COORDINATION.—Passive cat-
 9 egory income and general category income
 10 shall not include foreign oil and gas income
 11 (as so defined).”

12 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) Section 904(d)(3)(F)(i) is amended by
 14 striking “or (E)” and inserting “(E), or (I)”.

15 (2) Section 907(a) is hereby repealed.

16 (3) Section 907(c)(4) is hereby repealed.

17 (4) Section 907(f) is hereby repealed.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
 20 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning
 21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (2) TRANSITIONAL RULES.—

23 (A) SEPARATE BASKET TREATMENT.—Any
 24 taxes paid or accrued in a taxable year begin-
 25 ning on or before the date of the enactment of

1 this Act, with respect to income which was de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (B) of section
3 904(d)(1) of such Code (as in effect on the day
4 before the date of the enactment of this Act),
5 shall be treated as taxes paid or accrued with
6 respect to foreign oil and gas income to the ex-
7 tent the taxpayer establishes to the satisfaction
8 of the Secretary of the Treasury that such
9 taxes were paid or accrued with respect to for-
10 eign oil and gas income.

11 (B) CARRYOVERS.—Any unused oil and
12 gas extraction taxes which under section 907(f)
13 of such Code (as so in effect) would have been
14 allowable as a carryover to the taxpayer's first
15 taxable year beginning after the date of the en-
16 actment of this Act (without regard to the limi-
17 tation of paragraph (2) of such section 907(f)
18 for first taxable year) shall be allowed as
19 carryovers under section 904(c) of such Code in
20 the same manner as if such taxes were unused
21 taxes under such section 904(c) with respect to
22 foreign oil and gas extraction income.

23 (C) LOSSES.—The amendment made by
24 subsection (c)(3) shall not apply to foreign oil
25 and gas extraction losses arising in taxable

1 years beginning on or before the date of the en-
 2 actment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 10. ELIMINATION OF DEFERRAL FOR FOREIGN OIL**
 4 **AND GAS EXTRACTION INCOME.**

5 (a) GENERAL RULE.—Paragraph (1) of section
 6 954(g) (defining foreign base company oil related income)
 7 is amended to read as follows:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
 9 vided in this subsection, the term ‘foreign oil and
 10 gas income’ means any income of a kind which
 11 would be taken into account in determining the
 12 amount of—

13 “(A) foreign oil and gas extraction income
 14 (as defined in section 907(c)), or

15 “(B) foreign oil related income (as defined
 16 in section 907(c)).”

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) Subsections (a)(5), (b)(5), and (b)(6) of
 19 section 954, and section 952(c)(1)(B)(ii)(I), are each
 20 amended by striking “base company oil related in-
 21 come” each place it appears (including in the head-
 22 ing of subsection (b)(8)) and inserting “oil and gas
 23 income”.

1 (2) Subsection (b)(4) of section 954 is amended
2 by striking “base company oil-related income” and
3 inserting “oil and gas income”.

4 (3) The subsection heading for subsection (g) of
5 section 954 is amended by striking “FOREIGN BASE
6 COMPANY OIL RELATED INCOME” and inserting
7 “FOREIGN OIL AND GAS INCOME”.

8 (4) Subparagraph (A) of section 954(g)(2) is
9 amended by striking “foreign base company oil re-
10 lated income” and inserting “foreign oil and gas in-
11 come”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply to taxable years of foreign corpora-
14 tions beginning after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act, and to taxable years of United States shareholders
16 ending with or within such taxable years of foreign cor-
17 porations.

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