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# S. 2927

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2008

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. BOND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Government Oil Acqui-  
5       sition Financial Accountability and Consumer Relief Act  
6       of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF PETROLEUM ACQUISITION FOR**  
2 **STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
4 sion of law, during any period in which the conditions de-  
5 scribed in subsection (b) are not met, the Secretary of En-  
6 ergy shall suspend acquisition of petroleum for the Stra-  
7 tegic Petroleum Reserve through the royalty-in-kind pro-  
8 gram or any other acquisition method.

9 (b) RESUMPTION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may resume  
11 acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum  
12 Reserve through the royalty-in-kind program or any  
13 other acquisition method under subsection (a) not  
14 earlier than 30 days after the date on which the Sec-  
15 retary notifies Congress that the Secretary has de-  
16 termined that, for the most recent consecutive 4-  
17 week period—

18 (A) the weighted average price of retail,  
19 regular, all formulations gasoline in the United  
20 States is \$2.50 or less per gallon (as adjusted  
21 under paragraph (2)); or

22 (B) the weighted average price of retail,  
23 No. 2 diesel in the United States is \$2.75 or  
24 less per gallon (as adjusted under paragraph  
25 (2)).

1           (2) ADJUSTMENT.—For fiscal year 2009 and  
 2           each subsequent fiscal year, the prices described in  
 3           subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) for the  
 4           preceding fiscal year shall be adjusted to reflect  
 5           changes for the 12-month period ending the pre-  
 6           ceding November 30 in the Consumer Price Index  
 7           for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau  
 8           of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

9   **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS.**

10          Section 160 of the Energy Policy and Conservation  
 11   Act (42 U.S.C. 6240) is amended by inserting after sub-  
 12   section (c) the following:

13          “(d) ADDITIONAL ACQUISITION REQUIREMENTS.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—To the maximum extent  
 15               practicable, any acquisitions made by the Secretary  
 16               for the Reserve shall reflect a steady monthly dollar  
 17               value of oil acquired through the royalty-in-kind pro-  
 18               gram or any other acquisition method allowed by  
 19               law.

20               “(2) PARTICULAR INCLUSION.—

21                       “(A) DEFINITION OF HEAVY CRUDE OIL.—

22               In this paragraph, the term ‘heavy crude oil’  
 23               means oil with a gravity index of not more than  
 24               22 degrees.

1           “(B) REQUIREMENT.—To the extent tech-  
2           nologically feasible, financially beneficial for the  
3           Treasury of the United States, and compatible  
4           with domestic refining requirements, the Sec-  
5           retary shall include at least 10 percent heavy  
6           crude oil in making any acquisitions of crude oil  
7           for the Reserve.

8           “(3) NEGOTIATION OF DELIVERY DATES.—  
9           Nothing in this subsection limits the ability of the  
10          Secretary to negotiate delivery dates for crude oil ac-  
11          quired for the Reserve.

12          “(4) NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS.—The Sec-  
13          retary may waive any requirement under this sub-  
14          section if the Secretary determines that the require-  
15          ment is inconsistent with the national security needs  
16          of the United States.”.

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