

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3053

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in the Southern California planning area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “American Coasts and
5 Oceans Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN THE**
7 **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA.**

8 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
9 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following:

1 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN THE
2 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA.—Notwith-
3 standing any other provision of this section or any other
4 law, the Secretary of the Interior may not issue a lease
5 for the exploration, development, or production of oil or
6 natural gas in the Southern California planning area, as
7 such planning area is described in the document entitled
8 ‘2019–2024 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Draft
9 Proposed Program’, dated January 2018, or a subsequent
10 oil and gas leasing program developed under section 18
11 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
12 1344).”.

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