
S 984

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate opportunities to enhance domestic oil and gas production through the exchange of nonproducing Federal oil and gas leases located in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, in the Flathead National Forest, and on Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (May 1, 2003)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 1, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 1, 2003)

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to evaluate opportunities to enhance domestic oil and gas production through: (1) the exchange of nonproducing leases (located in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, the Flathead National Forest, and on Bureau of Land Management land in Montana) for oil and gas lease tracts of comparable value in Montana or in the Western and Central Planning Areas of the Gulf of Mexico on the Outer Continental Shelf; and (2) the issuance of bidding, royalty, or rental credits for Federal onshore oil and gas leases in Montana or in the Planning Areas in exchange for the cancellation of the nonproducing leases.

States that to facilitate such evaluation the terms of nonproducing leases in the Badger-Two Medicine Area (U.S. Forest Service land) shall be suspended for a three-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

Directs the Secretary to submit to congressional committees a report on such evaluation.

Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 1, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5675-5676)
- **May 1, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.