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S 2239

Permanent Protection for Florida Act of 2006

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate Policy Area: Energy Introduced: Feb 1, 2006

Current Status: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8422-8423)

Latest Action: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8422-8423) (Jul 31, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]

Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 1, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 1, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4783	Identical bill	Feb 24, 2006: Executive Comment Requested from Interior.

Permanent Protection for Florida Act of 2006 - Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in the Florida exclusion zone.

Expresses the sense of Congress that states are encouraged not to issue a permit or lease for new oil and natural gas slant, directional, or offshore drilling in or under any of the Great Lakes.

Declares this Act applicable to non-producing leases.

Withdraws the Florida exclusion zone from: (1) any Outer Continental Shelf protraction diagram prepared by the Minerals Management Service; and (2) consideration for inclusion in any five-year Outer Continental Shelf leasing program of the Department of the Interior.

Declares that any non-producing or similar lease that is suspended as of the enactment of this Act in the Eastern planning area of the Gulf of Mexico (with a specified exception), and that is also active, non-producing, or in suspension as of such date, is relinquished and abandoned in exchange for royalty forgiveness for revenue streams owed by oil and gas lessees producing on that date in the Central and Western planning areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

Specifies the characteristics of any relinquished and abandoned lease whose lessee is ineligible for royalty forgiveness.

Extends until June 30, 2020, the expiration date for the withdrawal of areas of the Outer Continental Shelf described in a specified Memorandum.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 31, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8422-8423)
- Feb 1, 2006: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 1, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S453)
- Feb 1, 2006: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.