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Responsible Federal Oil and Gas Lease Act

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Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Energy
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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. (Jul 10, 2008)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]
Party: Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 10, 2008
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 10, 2008
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 16, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 10, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 6251	Related bill	**Jun 26, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 223 - 195 (Roll no. 469). (text: CR H6110)

Summary (as of Jul 10, 2008)

Responsible Federal Oil and Gas Lease Act - Prohibits the Secretary of the Interior from authorizing any new lease for exploration or production of oil or natural gas unless the lessee: (1) certifies for each existing lease that the lessee has diligently developed the lands in order to produce oil or natural gas, or is producing oil or natural gas from such lands; or (2) has relinquished all federal oil and gas leases that are not being diligently developed.

Instructs the Secretary to promulgate diligent development regulations that: (1) include benchmarks for oil and gas development to ensure that leaseholders produce oil and gas from each lease within the original term of the lease; and (2) require each leaseholder to submit a diligent development plan showing how the lessee will meet the benchmarks.

Establishes a civil penalty for noncompliance with this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 10, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6564-6565)
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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