

HR 6251

Responsible Federal Oil and Gas Lease Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 12, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 3239	Related bill	Jul 10, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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 five-year 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.

Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, the Mineral Leasing Act, and the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands Act to set forth lease terms for an initial period of five years, renewable for additional one-year periods, subject to specified conditions.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2008:** Mr. Rahall moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6110-6121)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6251.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** DEBATE - Ms. Fallin asked unanimous consent that debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 6251 be extended by 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6144-6145)
- **Jun 26, 2008:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: 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)
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