

## HR 6758

FREE Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research. (Nov 19, 2008)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 19, 2008
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 19, 2008
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 4, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 31, 2008)

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Furthering Renewable Energy and Exploration Act or the FREE Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to commence promptly an oil and gas leasing program for public lands within the Coastal Plain of Alaska.

Establishes in the Treasury the Energy Independence Trust Fund, into which shall be deposited: (1) rental payments and royalties received by the United States each fiscal year under leases issued under such program; and (2) federal income tax received by the United States each fiscal year attributable to sales of oil and gas produced under such leases.

Requires payment of the amounts deposited into the Fund each fiscal year of: (1) 50% to the state of Alaska; and (2) the remainder to the Secretary of Agriculture, half to provide business and industry loan guarantees under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and half for the Biomass Research and Development Initiative under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, in the succeeding fiscal year.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 19, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Nov 19, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research.
- **Aug 4, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.