

## HR 2173

### Advancing Offshore Wind Production Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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## Sponsor

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Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jun 14, 2011
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jun 16, 2011
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jun 22, 2011
Rep. Landry, Jeffrey M. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jun 22, 2011
Rep. Southerland, Steve II [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jun 23, 2011
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jul 12, 2011
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Jul 12, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 13, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3445	Related bill	Jul 26, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
112 HR 4480	Related bill	Jul 10, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
112 HR 3882	Related bill	Feb 17, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
112 HR 2172	Related bill	Dec 1, 2011: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 200.

Advancing Offshore Wind Production Act - Exempts any project determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be an offshore meteorological site testing and monitoring project from environmental impact statement requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

Defines an "offshore meteorological site testing and monitoring project" as a project that is administered by the Department of the Interior and carried out on or in the waters of the Outer Continental Shelf to test or monitor weather (including wind, tidal, current, and solar energy) using towers, buoys, or other temporary ocean infrastructure and that: (1) causes less than one acre of surface or seafloor disruption at the location of each meteorological tower or other device and no more than five acres of surface or seafloor disruption within the proposed area affected by the project (including hazards to navigation), (2) is decommissioned within five years of its commencement, and (3) provides meteorological information to the Secretary of the Interior.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) require that any applicant seeking to conduct an offshore meteorological site testing and monitoring project on the outer Continental Shelf obtain a permit and right of way for the project; (2) decide whether to issue such a permit and right of way within 30 days after receiving an application; (3) provide an opportunity for submission of comments by the public; (4) consult with the Secretary of Defense (DOD), the Commandant of the Coast Guard, and the heads of other federal, state, and local agencies that would be affected by issuance of the permit and right of way; and (5) provide an applicant the opportunity to remedy deficiencies in a permit application that was denied.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Oct 14, 2011:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-252.
- **Oct 14, 2011:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 168.
- **Jul 13, 2011:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 13, 2011:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Jul 13, 2011:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 18.
- **Jun 23, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 16, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jun 14, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 14, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.