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No Surface Occupancy Western Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Security Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Feb 15, 2011

**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. (Feb 15, 2011)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Feb 15, 2011
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 14, 2011
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		May 12, 2011
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		May 14, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 15, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

No Surface Occupancy Western Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Security Act - Authorizes exploration, leasing, development, and production of oil and gas from the Western Coastal Plain.

Defines the Western Coastal Plain as the area of Coastal Plain: (1) that borders the land of Alaska to the west and Alaska offshore waters of the Beaufort Sea on the north, and (2) from which the Secretary of the Interior finds oil and gas can be produced through horizontal drilling or other subsurface technology from sites outside or underneath the Coastal Plain surface.

Authorizes the Secretary to establish a competitive oil and gas leasing program that will result in an environmentally sound program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources of the Western Coastal Plain.

Considers such program to be compatible with the purposes for which the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was established.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) establish lease sale procedures, and (2) offer for lease those tracts the Secretary considers to have the greatest potential for the discovery of hydrocarbons.

Authorizes the Secretary to grant a lease for land on the Western Coastal Plain to the highest responsible qualified bidder. Prescribes lease terms and conditions.

Provides for expedited judicial review.

Directs the Secretary to establish in the Treasury the Coastal Plain Local Government Impact Aid Assistance Fund to offset any planning, land use-related, or service-related impacts of offshore development caused by this Act.

Prescribes a scheme for the allocation of revenues produced by bonus, rental, and royalty revenues from the federal oil and gas leasing and operations authorized under this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 15, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 15, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S749-751)
- **Feb 15, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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