

HR 1613

Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act

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Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		May 6, 2013
Rep. Graves, Tom [R-GA-14]	R · GA		May 6, 2013
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		May 6, 2013
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		May 6, 2013
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		May 7, 2013
Rep. Westmoreland, Lynn A. [R-GA-3]	R · GA		May 7, 2013
Rep. Bentivolio, Kerry L. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		May 14, 2013
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 14, 2013
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		May 15, 2013
Rep. Stockman, Steve [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jun 6, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Oct 1, 2013
Financial Services Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 6, 2013
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2013
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 6, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	May 15, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 812	Related bill	Oct 14, 2013: Held at the desk.
113 HRES 274	Related bill	Jun 26, 2013: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jun 27, 2013)

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on June 6, 2013. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act - **Title I: Amendment to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act** - (Sec. 101) Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement any agreement for the management of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs entered into by the President and approved by Congress.

Prescribes procedures for submission of such agreements to Congress.

Authorizes the Secretary to implement the terms of the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico, signed at Los Cabos, February 20, 2012 (the Agreement), including: (1) approving unitization agreements and related arrangements for the exploration, development, or production of oil and natural gas from transboundary reservoirs or geological structures; (2) making available, subject to the agreement's confidentiality protections, information pertaining to such activities that may be considered confidential, privileged, or proprietary; and (3) ensuring that only the operator, lessee, or inspection staff at the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement have authority to stop work on such activities on any production site attached to the U.S. seabed.

Exempts from resources extraction reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 any actions taken by a public company in accordance with a transboundary hydrocarbon agreement.

Prohibits this Act from being construed as: (1) authorizing the Secretary to participate in any negotiations, conferences, or consultations with Cuba regarding exploration, development, or production of hydrocarbon resources in the Gulf of Mexico along the U.S. maritime border with Cuba (including the area known as the "Eastern Gap"); or (2) affecting U.S. sovereign rights and jurisdiction over the outer Continental Shelf which appertains to it.

Title II: Approval of Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement - (Sec. 201) Approves the Agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 113-104.
- **Jul 8, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** AMENDMENT MODIFICATION AUTHORITY - Mr. Sessions asked unanimous consent that during the consideration of H.R. 1613 and H.R. 2231 pursuant to H.Res. 274, amendment numbered 1 printed in part A of House Report 113-131 and amendments numbered 5 and 10 printed in part B of that report be modified. Agreed to without objection. ((consideration: CR H4096-4097; text of certain modified House amendments: CR H4097)
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 274. (consideration: CR H4096-4108; text of measure as reported in House: CR H4097-4098)
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Resolution provides for 3 separate measures and for proceedings during the period from June 29, 2013 through July 5, 2013.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1613.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 274, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of the Grayson amendment No. 1, as modified.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Grayson amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - The Chair announced that further proceedings on H.R. 1613 had been postponed.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule 19, further consideration of H.R. 1613 resumed.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Before the House recessed, the Chair had declared that the noes had prevailed by voice vote on the Grayson amendment. Mr. Grayson demanded the yeas and nays.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4105-4108)
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Mr. Garcia moved to recommit with instructions to Natural Resources. (consideration: CR H4106; text CR H4106)
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Garcia motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to require that, prior to the commencement of drilling operations authorized under this bill, the Secretary of the Interior ensure that requirements are met for well safety, blowout protection, and risk assessment. The amendment would also require increased fines for every day in which a well is found to be in violation of these requirements and give the Secretary authority to collect these fines and also to increase their maximum amounts.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H4107)
- **Jun 27, 2013:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 194 - 232 (Roll no. 292).
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 256 - 171 (Roll no. 293).
- **Jun 27, 2013:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 256 - 171 (Roll no. 293).
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 25, 2013:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 274 Reported to House. Resolution provides for 3 separate measures and for proceedings during the period from June 29, 2013 through July 5, 2013.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-101, Part I.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Committee on Financial Services discharged.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 70.
- **May 15, 2013:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **May 15, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 15, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 16.
- **May 6, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade.
- **May 6, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere.
- **Apr 25, 2013:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 19, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Apr 18, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 18, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Financial Services, 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.