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National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act

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Committee Activity

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Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 12, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2	Related bill	Nov 17, 2014: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 601.
113 HR 4899	Related bill	Jun 26, 2014: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
113 HR 4304	Related bill	Jun 13, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
113 S 1401	Related bill	Jul 31, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act - (Sec. 2) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the National Petroleum Reserve (NPR) in Alaska remains explicitly designated to provide oil and natural gas resources to the United States, and (2) it is national policy to actively advance oil and gas development within the NPR.

(Sec. 3) Amends the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to require the mandatory program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the NPR to include at least one lease sale annually in those areas of the NPR most likely to produce commercial quantities of oil and natural gas each year in the period 2013-2023.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to ensure permits according to a specified time line for all surface development activities, including pipelines and roads construction to: (1) develop and bring into production any areas within the NPR that are subject to oil and gas leases, and (2) transport oil and gas from and through the NPR to existing transportation or processing infrastructure on the North Slope of Alaska.

Requires the Secretary to ensure that any federal permitting agency shall issue permits for construction for transportation of oil and natural gas under existing federal oil and gas leases with drilling permits within 60 days after enactment of this Act. Requires approval of drilling permits under new federal oil and gas leases within 6 months after submission to the Secretary of a permit request.

Directs the Secretary to submit to Congress a plan for approved rights-of-way for any plan for pipeline, road, and any other necessary surface infrastructure that will ensure that all leasable tracts in the NPR are within 25 miles of an approved road and pipeline right-of-way that can serve future development of the NPR.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Secretary to issue: (1) a new proposed integrated activity plan from among the non-adopted alternatives in the NPR Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision dated February 21, 2013, and (2) an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) for issuance of oil and gas leases in the NPR-Alaska to promote efficient and maximum development of oil and natural gas resources of such reserve.

Nullifies the February 21, 2013, Record of Decision, including its integrated activity plan and environmental impact statement.

(Sec. 6) Instructs the Secretary to issue regulations establishing clear requirements to ensure that the Department of the Interior is supporting development of oil and gas leases in the NPR.

(Sec. 7) Prescribes requirements for the new proposed integrated activity plan, including a departmental deadline for response to lease development permit applications and a timeline for processing each application.

(Sec. 8) Requires the Secretary to assess all technically recoverable fossil fuel resources within the NPR, including all conventional and unconventional oil and natural gas.

Directs the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with the state of Alaska and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, to carry out and complete the resource assessment within 24 months after enactment of this Act.

Authorizes the USGS to use resources and funds provided by the state of Alaska in carrying out such assessment.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 10, 2013:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-197.
- **Sep 10, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 144.
- **Jun 12, 2013:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Jun 12, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 12, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 14.
- **May 22, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 20, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 14, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.