

HR 2231

Offshore Energy and Jobs Act

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Jun 4, 2013
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jun 4, 2013
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jun 4, 2013
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jun 4, 2013
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jun 4, 2013
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jun 4, 2013
Rep. Benishek, Dan [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. Daines, Steve [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Jun 6, 2013
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jun 11, 2013
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jun 14, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 8, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 12, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2	Related bill	<b>Nov 17, 2014:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 601.
113 HR 5360	Related bill	<b>Sep 15, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
113 HR 4899	Related bill	<b>Jun 26, 2014:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
113 HR 4304	Related bill	<b>Jun 13, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
113 HR 2784	Related bill	<b>Jul 26, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
113 HRES 274	Related bill	<b>Jun 26, 2013:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
113 HR 1782	Related bill	<b>May 7, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Offshore Energy and Jobs Act - **Title I: Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Program Reforms** - (Sec. 101) Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to implement a leasing program that includes at least 50% of the available unleased acreage within each outer Continental Shelf (OCS) planning area considered to have the largest undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources, with an emphasis on offering the most geologically prospective parts of the planning area.

(Sec. 102) Instructs the Secretary, in developing a five-year oil and gas leasing program, to determine a specified domestic strategic production goal for the development of oil and natural gas as a result of that program.

(Sec. 103) Requires the Secretary to: (1) develop and submit to Congress a new five-year oil and gas leasing program. (2) conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 220 within one year after enactment of this Act, and (3) make replacement lease blocks available in the Virginia lease sale planning area that are acceptable for oil and gas exploration and production if the Secretary of Defense proposes deferral from a lease offering due to defense-related activities irreconcilable with mineral exploration and development.

(Sec. 104) Prohibits construction of this Act as authorizing the issuance of a lease under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to any person designated for the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the following:

- the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996;
- the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestiture Act of 2010;
- the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012;
- the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 or the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act of 2012;
- Executive Orders 13622, 13628, or 13645 (Iran sanctions);
- Executive Order 13224 (transactions with those who commit or support terrorism);
- Executive Order 13338 (Syria sanctions); or
- the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003.

**Title II: Directing the President to Conduct New OCS Sales in Virginia, South Carolina, and California** - (Sec. 201) Instructs the Secretary to: (1) conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 220 within one year after enactment of this Act, and (2) make replacement lease blocks available in the Virginia lease sale planning area that are acceptable for oil and gas exploration and production if the Secretary of Defense (DOD) proposes deferral from a lease offering due to defense-related activities irreconcilable with mineral exploration and development.

(Sec. 202) Instructs the Secretary to conduct a lease sale within two years after enactment of this Act for areas off the coast of South Carolina that have the most geologically promising hydrocarbon resources and constituting at least 25% of the leasable area within the South Carolina offshore administrative boundaries. Directs the Secretary to: (1) offer for sale by December 31, 2014, leases of tracts in the Santa Maria and Santa Barbara/Ventura Basins of the Southern California OCS Planning Area; and (2) prepare a multisale environmental impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for all lease sales required under this Act.

**Title III: Equitable Sharing of Outer Continental Shelf Revenues** - (Sec. 301) Allocates 37.5% of the amount of new federal leasing revenues to coastal states that are: (1) impacted by the leases under which those revenues are received by the United States, and (2) within 200 miles of the leased tract.

**Title IV: Reorganization of Minerals Management Agencies of the Department of the Interior - (Sec. 401)**

Establishes in the Department of the Interior: (1) an Under Secretary for Energy, Lands, and Minerals; (2) an Assistant Secretary of Ocean Energy and Safety; (3) an Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management; (4) a Bureau of Ocean Energy; (5) an Ocean Energy Safety Service; and (6) an Office of Natural Resources Revenue. Instructs the Secretary to establish a National Offshore Energy Safety Academy.

(Sec. 405) Requires the Secretary to: (1) certify annually that all Interior Department personnel having regular, direct official contact with government contractors, or conducting investigations, issuing permits, or overseeing energy programs, comply fully with federal employee ethics laws and regulations; and (2) conduct a program of random drug testing of such personnel.

(Sec. 406) Abolishes the Minerals Management Service.

(Sec. 408) Directs the Secretary to establish an Outer Continental Shelf Energy Safety Advisory Board.

(Sec. 409) Directs the Secretary to collect non-refundable fees from the operators of facilities subject to inspection. Establishes in the Treasury the Ocean Energy Enforcement Fund as depository for such fees.

(Sec. 410) Prohibits the Bureau of Ocean Energy and the Ocean Energy Safety Service from developing, proposing, finalizing, administering, or implementing any limitation on activities under their jurisdiction as a result of the coastal and marine spatial planning component of the National Ocean Policy developed under Executive Order 13547. Requires the President to report to Congress on all federal expenditures in FY2011-FY2013 by such agencies concerning that component.

**Title V: United States Territories -** Redefines the OCS to include all submerged lands lying within the U.S. exclusive economic zone and the Continental Shelf adjacent to any U.S. territory.

**Title VI: Miscellaneous Provisions - (Sec. 601)** Directs the Secretary to issue rules to provide more clarity, certainty, and stability to the revenue streams contemplated by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, including clarification of the timing and methods of disbursements of OCS revenues among Gulf producing states.

(Sec. 602) Increases, for FY2024-FY2055, the maximum amount of qualified OCS revenues distributed to Gulf producing states.

(Sec. 603) Requires the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, not later than December 31, 2013, to publish a record of decision on the Atlantic G&G Programmatic Final Environmental Impact Statement. (The statement evaluates the potential significant environmental effects of geological and geophysical survey activities in federal waters of the Mid- and South Atlantic OCS and adjacent state waters.)

**Title VII: Judicial Review - (Sec. 701)** Requires a cause of action arising from any action or decision by a federal official regarding the issuance of an energy lease under this Act to be filed not later than the end of the 60-day period beginning on the date of such action or decision, except that the limitation will not apply to a cause of action brought by a party to such a lease.

(Sec. 702) Sets forth: (1) deadlines for the initiation and resolution of such cases in U.S. district court and review by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, (2) limitations on judicial review, and (3) a requirement that a person who is not a prevailing party shall pay legal fees in connection with judicial review to the prevailing parties.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 8, 2013:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4149-4160)
- **Jun 28, 2013:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DeFazio amendment No. 8.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the DeFazio amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. DeFazio demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Broun (GA) amendment No. 9.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Broun (GA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Johnson (GA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** DEBATE - Grayson Part B amendment No. 10 modified pursuant to the order of the House of June 27, 2013.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Grayson amendment No. 10, as modified.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Grayson amendment, as modified, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Grayson demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Capps amendment No. 11.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Capps amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Capps demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2231.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H4157)
- **Jun 28, 2013:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Mr. Schneider moved to recommit with instructions to Natural Resources. (consideration: CR H4157-4159; text: CR H4158)
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Floor summary: DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Schneider 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 prohibit the issuance of permits or leases for new oil and gas slant, directional or offshore drilling in or under any of the Great Lakes. The Motion would also require that any permit or lease issued pursuant to the bill encourage that all equipment used under drilling permits be made in America and that the holder of the permit avoid outsourcing American jobs.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H4159)
- **Jun 28, 2013:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 195 - 225, 1 Present (Roll no. 303).
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 235 - 186 (Roll no. 304).
- **Jun 28, 2013:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 235 - 186 (Roll no. 304).
- **Jun 28, 2013:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 28, 2013:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2231.
- **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.

- **Jun 27, 2013:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 274. (consideration: CR H4109-4129, H4129-4132; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H4115-4120)
- **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:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 274 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Cory Gardner to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2231.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Brady (TX) Part B amendment No. 1.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hastings (FL) Part B amendment No. 2.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Hastings (FL) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Hastings (FL) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lamborn Part B amendment No. 3.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Flores Part B amendment No. 4.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Flores amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Farr demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cassidy Part B amendment No. 5, as modified.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cassidy amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Lowenthal demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cassidy Part B amendment No. 6.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 274, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rigell Part B amendment No. 7.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Rigell amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Lowenthal demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4129-4132)
- **Jun 27, 2013:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on the adoption of amendments, which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Mr. Hastings (WA) moved that the Committee rise.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** On motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2231 as unfinished business.
- **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 24, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-125.
- **Jun 24, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 90.
- **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 (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 18.

- **Jun 11, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 4, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 4, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jun 4, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.