

## HR 49

### American Energy Independence and Price Reduction Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2013

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy. (Feb 4, 2013)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 4, 2013
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 31, 2013
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2408	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2014:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
113 HR 3355	Related bill	<b>Jan 24, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats & Capabilities.

American Energy Independence and Price Reduction Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to implement a competitive leasing program for the exploration, development, and production of the oil and gas resources on the Coastal Plain of Alaska.

Permits lease sales to be conducted through an Internet leasing program if such a system will result in savings to the taxpayer, an increase in the number of bidders participating, and higher returns than oral bidding or a sealed bidding system.

Amends the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 to repeal the prohibition against leasing or other development leading to production of oil and gas from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

Deems any oil and gas leasing programs and activities authorized by this Act to be in compliance with ANWR purposes.

Authorizes the Secretary to designate up to 45,000 acres of the Coastal Plain as a Special Area, after consultation with the state of Alaska, the city of Kaktovik, and the North Slope Borough.

Permits directional drilling in the Special Area.

Prescribes procedures governing Coastal Plain lease sales, as well as terms and conditions, including: (1) environmental protection; (2) federal and state distribution of revenues; and (3) rights-of-way.

Sets forth: (1) a "no significant adverse effect" standard to govern Coastal Plain activities; and (2) guidelines for expedited judicial review of complaints.

Establishes the ANWR Alternative Energy Trust Fund, into which shall be deposited 50% of the amount of bonus, rental, and royalty revenues from Federal oil and gas leasing and operations authorized under this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 4, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **Jan 31, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jan 4, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.

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