

## HR 4389

Ensuring the Taxpayer a Fair Return for Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Resources Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Mar 17, 2016
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Apr 29, 2016
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jun 16, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 19, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

## Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jan 13, 2016)

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### Ensuring the Taxpayer a Fair Return for Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Resources Act of 2015

This bill amends the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the minimum acceptable bids and rentals for leases of oil, natural gas, and tar sand on federal land.

Minimum acceptable bids and rentals shall receive inflation adjustments once every four years.

One-third of any amounts received by the United States from sales, bonuses, and royalties, including interest charges collected under the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, and from rentals of the public lands in Alaska under the Mineral Leasing Act and the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, shall be made available in specified percentages:

- for use for oil and gas inspection and enforcement;
- to remediate, reclaim, and properly plug and abandon orphan oil and gas wells on federal lands; and
- to the state within whose boundaries the leased land is located, or the deposits were derived, for state use in accordance with specified requirements.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 19, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jan 13, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.