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OCEAN Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 2, 2017
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4239	Related bill	**Nov 2, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 781.
115 S 956	Related bill	**Apr 27, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2017)

Outer Continental Shelf Energy Access Now Act or the OCEAN Act

This bill amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to limit the President's authority to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf.

The President may prohibit oil and gas leasing on areas of the outer Continental Shelf located in a national marine sanctuary designated in accordance with the National Marine Sanctuaries Act or by statute or rule.

Any suspension of operations under a lease arising from a state of war or declaration of national emergency shall be for 90 days and may be renewed.

The bill rescinds existing moratoriums on oil and gas leasing on areas of the outer Continental Shelf other than marine sanctuaries and national monuments.

The President may not declare or reserve any ocean waters or lands beneath ocean waters as a national monument.

Actions Timeline

- **May 2, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 2, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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