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OCEAN Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Apr 27, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]

Party: Republican • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 27, 2017
Sen. Strange, Luther [R-AL]	R · AL		May 16, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2157	Related bill	May 2, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.

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, through a rule making, oil and gas leasing on areas of the outer Continental Shelf located in a national marine sanctuary.

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

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