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Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2017

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Policy Area: Energy
Introduced: May 1, 2017
Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (May 1, 2017)
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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

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Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 1, 2017
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 10, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 1, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 1784	Related bill	**Apr 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Summary (as of May 1, 2017)

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This bill declares that it is the policy of the United States that the Arctic Ocean should be managed for the best interests of the people of the United States, including by keeping fossil fuels in the ground to avoid the dangerous impacts of climate change.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act is amended to prohibit the Department of the Interior from issuing or renewing a lease or any other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in the Arctic Ocean, including the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas.

Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
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