HR 1606

Atlantic Seismic Airgun Protection Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 828	Identical bill	**Mar 14, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Mar 7, 2019)

Atlantic Seismic Airgun Protection Act

This bill prohibits conducting geological or geophysical activities in support of oil, gas, or methane hydrate exploration and development on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. Geological and geophysical activities for oil and gas exploration generally include deep penetration seismic airgun surveys, electromagnetic surveys, deep stratigraphic and shallow test drilling, and various remote-sensing methods.

The geological and geophysical activities are described in a final programmatic environmental impact statement by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management titled "Atlantic OCS Proposed Geological and Geophysical Activities, Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Planning Areas."

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 7, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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