

## HR 4294

### American Energy First Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Sep 11, 2019
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Sep 18, 2019
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Sep 26, 2019
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Sep 26, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Sep 26, 2019
Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Oct 18, 2019
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Nov 8, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 16, 2019
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1014	Related bill	Oct 11, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 182.
116 HR 4026	Related bill	Sep 19, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
116 S 2270	Related bill	Jul 25, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
116 HR 3424	Related bill	Jul 2, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
116 S 499	Related bill	May 14, 2019: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-323.
116 HR 1650	Related bill	Mar 29, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
116 HR 998	Related bill	Feb 22, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
116 S 218	Related bill	Jan 24, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## Summary (as of Sep 11, 2019)

### American Energy First Act

This bill addresses offshore and onshore oil and gas resources, and the use of renewable energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and other federal lands.

Among other things, the bill

- allows states with an established permitting and regulatory program to manage certain federal permitting and regulatory responsibilities for oil and gas development on federal lands within their borders;
- limits the President's authority to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the OCS;
- establishes a revenue sharing framework to distribute revenues collected from oil and gas leasing on the OCS to certain states (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alaska);
- provides a mechanism for states to receive their entitled percentage of sales, bonuses, royalties, and rentals for all public land or deposits located in the state;
- requires the Department of the Interior to establish certain federal land as geothermal and wind energy leasing priority areas; and
- limits the authority of Interior to declare a moratorium on the leasing of federal lands for oil and gas activities unless such moratorium is authorized by Congress.

## Actions Timeline

- Sep 16, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- Sep 16, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- Sep 16, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- Sep 11, 2019: Introduced in House
- Sep 11, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.