

HR 4334

American Energy First Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife. (Jul 30, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]

Party: Republican • State: LA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 1, 2021
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jul 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 1, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8437	Related bill	Jul 20, 2022: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
117 HR 1689	Related bill	Jun 22, 2021: Committee Hearings Held.
117 HR 543	Related bill	Feb 24, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 522	Related bill	Feb 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
117 S 76	Related bill	Jan 28, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
117 S 69	Related bill	Jan 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Summary (as of Jul 1, 2021)

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This bill addresses the onshore and offshore production of traditional (e.g., oil and gas) and alternative (e.g., solar and wind) energy resources and establishes requirements for distributing revenues generated from energy production, including revenues to states and territories for conservation efforts.

For example, the bill limits the President's authority to (1) withdraw areas of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) from oil and gas leasing, and (2) declare new marine national monuments.

In addition, the Department of the Interior must obtain congressional approval before declaring a moratorium on issuing leases on federal lands or waters for oil, gas, or coal. Further, the bill requires Interior to defer to state regulations, guidance, and permit requirements for all activities regarding hydraulic fracturing (i.e., fracking) relating to oil, gas, or geothermal production activities on federal land. Interior may delegate decisions about issuing oil and gas drill permits on federal land to states.

Interior must also establish certain federal land as geothermal, solar, and wind energy leasing priority areas. The bill also allows Interior to conduct certain lease sales, such as offshore wind lease sales on the OCS in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to U.S. territories, and establishes requirements for distributing revenues from such leases to the Treasury, the Coral Reef Conservation Fund established by this bill, and U.S. territories.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Jul 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 1, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.