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Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2022

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 544	Related bill	Feb 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

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This bill limits oil and gas leasing in Arctic areas of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Specifically, the bill prohibits the Department of the Interior from issuing or extending a lease or any other authorization for the exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas, or any other mineral in Arctic areas of the OCS.

In addition, the 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.

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