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POWER Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Britt, Katie Boyd [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK]	R · OK		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 9, 2023
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Feb 14, 2023
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 14, 2023
Sen. Vance, J. D. [R-OH]	R · OH		Feb 27, 2023
Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 28, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 9, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1335	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 18.
118 HR 923	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
118 HR 879	Related bill	Feb 21, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

Summary (as of Feb 9, 2023)

Protecting Our Wealth of Energy Resources Act of 2023 or the POWER Act

This bill requires the President and federal agencies to obtain the approval of Congress before prohibiting or substantially delaying certain new energy or mineral leases or permits on federal lands. Specifically, approval must be obtained for new (1) oil and gas leases, drill permits, approvals, or authorizations; (2) coal leases, permits, approvals, or authorizations; and (3) mineral patents, leases, permits, approvals, or authorizations.

In addition, the President and agencies must obtain the approval of Congress before withdrawing certain federal lands from mineral and geothermal leasing activities.

Actions Timeline

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