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S. 1171

To establish a moratorium on oil and gas-related seismic activities off the coastline of the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2015

Mr. NELSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Seismic Moratorium
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON OIL AND GAS-RELATED SEISMIC**
2 **ACTIVITIES IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC**
3 **ZONE OFF THE COASTLINE OF THE STATE OF**
4 **FLORIDA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
6 (b) and notwithstanding any other provision of law, no
7 person may conduct geological or geophysical activities (as
8 those terms are described in the final programmatic envi-
9 ronmental impact statement of the Bureau of Ocean En-
10 ergy Management entitled “Atlantic OCS Proposed Geo-
11 logical and Geophysical Activities, Mid-Atlantic and South
12 Atlantic Planning Areas” and completed February 2014)
13 in support of oil or gas exploration and development in
14 any area located within the exclusive economic zone (as
15 defined in section 107 of title 46, United States Code)
16 located off the coastline of the State of Florida.

17 (b) TERMINATION OF MORATORIUM.—The morato-
18 rium described in subsection (a) shall only be terminated
19 if the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
20 pheric Administration determines that the reasonably
21 foreseeable impacts of the geological or geophysical activi-
22 ties described in subsection (a) to individuals or popu-
23 lations of marine mammals, sea turtles, or fish are mini-
24 mal.

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