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# H. R. 492

To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require responsible parties to pay the full cost of offshore oil spills, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2011

Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. INSLEE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. SUTTON, Mr. FARR, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. COHEN, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. STARK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Big Oil Bailout Pre-  
5 vention Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF LIMITS ON LIABILITY FOR OFFSHORE**  
2 **FACILITIES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1004(a) of the Oil Pollu-  
4 tion Act of 1990 is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and” after  
6 the semicolon;

7 (2) by striking paragraph (3); and

8 (3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-  
9 graph (3).

10 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section  
11 1004(b)(2) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 is amended  
12 by striking the second sentence.

13 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
14 this section take effect on April 15, 2010.

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