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H. R. 7293

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to process applications for a permit to drill, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2022

Ms. HERRELL (for herself, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. CARL, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. STEWART, Ms. VAN DUYNÉ, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. BENTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Energy Permitting
5 Certainty Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO**
2 **DRILL.**

3 Section 17(p) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
4 226(p)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(4) EFFECT OF PENDING CIVIL ACTION ON
6 PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO
7 DRILL.—Pursuant to the requirements of paragraph
8 (2), notwithstanding the existence of any pending
9 civil actions which do not directly affect or involve
10 the application or related lease, the Secretary shall
11 process an application for a permit to drill under a
12 valid existing lease, unless a United States Federal
13 court has determined that the lease was not issued
14 in compliance with the National Environmental Pol-
15 icy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).”.

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