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To require the Secretary of the Interior to immediately resume onshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mr. CARL, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. STAUBER, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. HERRELL, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. STEWART, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BALDERSON, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. GOHMERT) 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 “Restore Onshore En-
5 ergy Production Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING.**

2 (a) REQUIREMENT TO IMMEDIATELY RESUME ON-
3 SHORE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
5 rior shall immediately resume onshore oil and gas
6 lease sales in compliance with the Mineral Leasing
7 Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

8 (2) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Inte-
9 rior shall ensure that any oil and gas lease sale pur-
10 suant to paragraph (1) is conducted immediately on
11 completion of all applicable scoping, public comment,
12 and environmental analysis requirements under the
13 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) and the
14 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
15 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

16 (b) ANNUAL LEASE SALES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Min-
18 eral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), beginning
19 in fiscal year 2022, the Secretary of the Interior
20 shall annually conduct a minimum of four oil and
21 gas lease sales in each of the following States:

22 (A) Wyoming.

23 (B) New Mexico.

24 (C) Colorado.

25 (D) Utah.

26 (E) Montana.

1 (F) North Dakota.

2 (G) Oklahoma.

3 (H) Nevada.

4 (I) Any other State in which there is land
5 available for oil and gas leasing under the Min-
6 eral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) or any
7 other mineral leasing law.

8 (2) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting a lease sale
9 under paragraph (1) in a State described in that
10 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall offer
11 all parcels eligible for oil and gas exploration, devel-
12 opment, and production under the resource manage-
13 ment plan in effect for the State.

14 (3) REPLACEMENT SALES.—If, for any reason,
15 a lease sale under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year is
16 canceled, delayed, or deferred, including for a lack of
17 eligible parcels, the Secretary of the Interior shall
18 conduct a replacement sale during the same fiscal
19 year.

20 (c) ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING DELAYS.—Sec-
21 tion 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226) is
22 amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(q) UNREASONABLE DELAYS.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall not,
25 through Executive order or any other administrative

1 procedure, unreasonably pause, cancel, delay, defer,
2 or otherwise impede or circumvent any Federal en-
3 ergy mineral leasing processes under this Act, or a
4 related rulemaking process required by subchapter II
5 of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5, United States
6 Code (commonly known as the ‘Administrative Pro-
7 cedure Act’), without congressional approval.

8 “(2) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION.—There shall
9 be a rebuttable presumption that any attempt by the
10 President to pause, cancel, delay, defer, or otherwise
11 impede or circumvent any Federal energy mineral
12 leasing process, or a related rulemaking process, de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1), without congressional ap-
14 proval, is considered unreasonable for purposes of
15 paragraph (1).”.

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