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To reject the final 5-year Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for fiscal years 2013 through 2018 of the Administration and replace the plan with a 5-year plan that is more in line with the energy and economic needs of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2013

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SESSIONS) 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. EXTENSION OF LEASING PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), the
5 Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas
6 Leasing Program 2010–2015 issued by the Secretary of
7 the Interior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)

1 under section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands
2 Act (43 U.S.C. 1344) shall be considered to be the final
3 oil and gas leasing program under that section for the pe-
4 riod of fiscal years 2013 through 2018.

5 (b) FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.—
6 The Secretary is considered to have issued a final environ-
7 mental impact statement for the program applicable to the
8 period described in subsection (a) in accordance with all
9 requirements under section 102(2)(C) of the National En-
10 vironmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

11 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—Lease Sales 214, 232, and 239
12 shall not be included in the final oil and gas leasing pro-
13 gram for the period of fiscal years 2013 through 2018.

14 (d) EASTERN GULF OF MEXICO NOT INCLUDED.—
15 Nothing in this section affects restrictions on oil and gas
16 leasing under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of
17 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law 109–432).

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