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S. 2298

To prohibit oil and gas leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of New England.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REED, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. MURPHY) 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 “New England Coastal
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING ON THE**
2 **OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OFF THE COAST**
3 **OF NEW ENGLAND.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any
10 other law, the Secretary may not issue a lease for the ex-
11 ploration for, or development or production of, oil or nat-
12 ural gas in any area of the outer Continental Shelf off
13 the coast of the State of Maine, New Hampshire, Massa-
14 chusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut.”.

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