

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive inventory and analysis of oil and natural gas resources beneath all of the waters of the outer Continental Shelf.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—109th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. ALLEN) to Title III—Oil and Gas (END05461.LC)

Viz:

1 On page 56, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:
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3 **SEC. 3____. COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF OCS OIL AND**
4 **NATURAL GAS RESOURCES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
6 conduct an inventory and analysis of oil and natural gas
7 resources beneath all of the waters of the United States

1 Outer Continental Shelf (“OCS”). The inventory and
2 analysis shall—

3 (1) use available data on oil and gas resources
4 in areas offshore of Mexico and Canada that will
5 provide information on trends of oil and gas accu-
6 mulation in areas of the OCS;

7 (2) use any available technology, except drilling,
8 but including 3–D seismic technology to obtain accu-
9 rate resource estimates;

10 (3) analyze how resource estimates in OCS
11 areas have changed over time in regards to gath-
12 ering geological and geophysical data, initial explo-
13 ration, or full field development, including areas
14 such as the deepwater and subsalt areas in the Gulf
15 of Mexico;

16 (4) estimate the effect that understated oil and
17 gas resource inventories have on domestic energy in-
18 vestments; and

19 (5) identify and explain how legislative, regu-
20 latory, and administrative programs or processes re-
21 strict or impede the development of identified re-
22 sources and the extent that they affect domestic sup-
23 ply, such as moratoria, lease terms and conditions,
24 operational stipulations and requirements, approval
25 delays by the federal government and coastal states,

1 and local zoning restrictions for onshore processing
2 facilities and pipeline landings.

3 (b) REPORTS.—The Secretary of Interior shall sub-
4 mit a report to the Congress on the inventory of estimates
5 and the analysis of restrictions or impediments, together
6 with any recommendations, within six months of the date
7 of enactment of the section. The report shall be publically
8 available and updated at least every five years.