

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) _____

To invest in the energy and outdoor infrastructure of the United States to deploy new and innovative technologies, update existing infrastructure to be reliable and resilient, and secure energy infrastructure against physical and cyber threats, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. HOEVEN

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

2 **TITLE XII—MISCELLANEOUS**

3 **SEC. 12001. COMPLIANCE WITH BLM PERMITTING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law but subject to any State requirements—

6 (1) a Bureau of Land Management drilling per-
7 mit shall not be required under the Federal Oil and
8 Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C.
9 1701 et seq.) or section 3164.1 of title 43, Code of
10 Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation), for

1 an action occurring within an oil and gas drilling or
2 spacing unit if—

3 (A) less than 50 percent of the minerals
4 within the oil and gas drilling or spacing unit
5 are minerals owned by the Federal Government;
6 and

7 (B) the Federal Government does not own
8 or lease the surface estate within the area di-
9 rectly impacted by the action; and

10 (2) an action occurring within that oil and gas
11 drilling or spacing unit shall not be considered a
12 major Federal action under the National Environ-
13 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

14 (b) NOTIFICATION.—Each State with an approved
15 permit to drill or drilling plan that would impact or extract
16 oil and gas owned by the Federal Government shall notify
17 the Secretary of the Interior of the approved permit to
18 drill or drilling plan not later than 45 days after the date
19 on which the permit or plan is approved.

20 (c) ROYALTIES.—Nothing in this section affects the
21 amount of royalties due to the Federal Government from
22 the production of the Federal minerals within the oil and
23 gas drilling or spacing unit.