

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under the Mineral Leasing Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State.

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To amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to modify a definition and the disposition and authorized uses of qualified outer Continental Shelf revenues under that Act and to exempt State and county payments under that Act from sequestration, to provide for the distribution of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues to the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE (for
himself and Mr. BARRASSO)

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

1 ~~**TITLE III—STATE MINERAL**~~
2 ~~**REVENUE PROTECTION**~~

3 ~~**SEC. 301. CONVEYANCE TO STATES OF PROPERTY INTER-**~~
4 ~~**EST IN STATE SHARE OF ROYALTIES AND**~~
5 ~~**OTHER PAYMENTS.**~~

6 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.~~ Section 35 of the Mineral Leasing
7 Act (30 U.S.C. 191) is amended—

8 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by
9 striking “shall be paid into the Treasury” and in-
10 serting “shall, except as provided in subsection (b),
11 be paid into the Treasury”;

12 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(b) CONVEYANCE TO STATES OF PROPERTY INTER-
15 EST IN STATE SHARE.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law, on request of a State and in lieu
18 of any payments to the State under subsection (a),
19 the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the
20 State all right, title, and interest in and to the per-
21 centage specified in that subsection for that State of
22 all amounts otherwise required to be paid into the
23 Treasury under that subsection from sales, bonuses,
24 royalties (including interest charges), and rentals for
25 all public land or deposits located in the State.

1 “(2) AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, after a conveyance to a State under
3 paragraph (1), any person shall pay directly to the
4 State any amount owed by the person for which the
5 right, title, and interest has been conveyed to the
6 State under this subsection.

7 “(3) NOTICE.—The Secretary of the Interior
8 shall promptly provide to each holder of a lease of
9 public land to which subsection (a) applies that are
10 located in a State to which right, title, and interest
11 is conveyed under this subsection notice that—

12 “(A) the Secretary of the Interior has con-
13 veyed to the State all right, title, and interest
14 in and to the amounts referred to in paragraph
15 (1); and

16 “(B) the leaseholder is required to pay the
17 amounts directly to the State.”; and

18 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “and ex-
19 cept as provided in subsection (b)” before “, any
20 rentals”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

22 (1) Section 6(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act for
23 Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 355(a)) is amended—

24 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Sub-
25 ject to the provisions of section 35(b) of the

1 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(b)), all
2 and inserting "All"; and

3 (B) in the second sentence, by striking "of
4 the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 450; 30
5 U.S.C. 191)" and inserting "of the Mineral
6 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191)".

7 (2) Section 20(a) of the Geothermal Steam Act
8 of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1019(a)) is amended in the mat-
9 ter preceding paragraph (1), in the second sentence,
10 by striking "the provisions of subsection (b) of sec-
11 tion 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
12 191(b)) and".

13 (3) Section 205(f) of the Federal Oil and Gas
14 Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C.
15 1735(f)) is amended by striking the fourth, fifth,
16 and sixth sentences.