



## Legislative Bulletin.....May 11, 2011

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**Amendments to H.R. 1231**—Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, under a structured rule. The rule ([H.Res.257](#)) provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the majority and minority, waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, provides for consideration of eight amendments with 10 minutes for debate each, and provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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### AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. **Hastings #2 (R-WA)**. Makes a technical correction to the bill by reordering numbers.
2. **Connolly #8 (D-VA)/Scott (D-VA)/Moran (D-VA)**. The amendment prohibits lease sales from occurring in locations that would “interfere, conflict with, or impede operations of the Armed Forces.”
3. **Markey #5 (D-MA)**. The amendment prohibits any person that:
  - Holds a covered lease on the date on which the Secretary issues a new lease; or
  - Had a covered lease before the enactment of the bill, but transferred the title to another entity after enactment of H.R. 1231; or
  - Any other person that has any direct or indirect interest or derives **any** benefit from a covered lease

From acquiring a lease under the 2012-2017 five-year plan unless that person renegotiates the terms of their current lease and increases the terms of the lessees’ royalty payment structure. According to Rep. Markey, the amendment will raise “more than \$2 billion over 10 years.”

4. **Keating #11 (D-MA)**. The amendment requires the Secretary of Interior to make data available to the public that includes information for each lessee’s executive bonus compensation on a quarterly basis.
5. **Tsongas # 21 (D-MA)**. The amendment requires the Secretary to require each applicant for a lease sale also include a plan for containment and clean-up of a worst-case oil and gas discharge scenario in activities conducted under the permit.

6. ***Brown # 10 (D-FL)***. The amendment would make the Congressional moratorium for the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning area permanent. Under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA), Congress placed the majority of the Eastern Gulf Planning Area and a small portion of the Central Gulf Planning Area off the coast of Alabama under a moratorium until 2022.
7. ***Thompson # 4 (D-CA)***. The amendment prohibits lease sales from occurring in the Northern California Planning Area.
8. ***Inslee # 30 (D-WA)***. The amendment prohibits oil and gas production in the OCS off the coast of Washington state unless it is approved by the Governor and state legislature.

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