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H. R. 993

To extend outer Continental Shelf leases to accommodate permitting delays and to provide operators time to meet new drilling and safety requirements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLORES (for himself, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BOREN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. LANDRY, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. OLSON, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. HALL, Mr. CANSECO, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HARPER, and Mr. PALAZZO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Lease Extension and
5 Secure Energy Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN OUTER CONTINENTAL**
2 **SHELF LEASES.**

3 (a) **DEFINITION OF COVERED LEASE.**—In this sec-
4 tion, the term “covered lease” means each oil and gas
5 lease for the Gulf of Mexico outer Continental Shelf region
6 issued under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf
7 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337) that was—

8 (1) not producing as of April 30, 2010; or

9 (2) suspended from operations, permit proc-
10 essing, or consideration, in accordance with the mor-
11 atorium set forth in the Minerals Management Serv-
12 ice Notice to Lessees and Operators No. 2010–N04,
13 dated May 30, 2010, or the decision memorandum
14 of the Secretary of the Interior entitled “Decision
15 memorandum regarding the suspension of certain
16 offshore permitting and drilling activities on the
17 Outer Continental Shelf” and dated July 12, 2010.

18 (b) **EXTENSION OF COVERED LEASES.**—The Sec-
19 retary of the Interior shall extend the term of a covered
20 lease by 1 year.

21 (c) **EFFECT ON SUSPENSIONS OF OPERATIONS OR**
22 **PRODUCTION.**—The extension of covered leases under this
23 Act is in addition to any suspension of operations or sus-
24 pension of production granted by the Minerals Manage-

- 1 ment Service or Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,
- 2 Regulation and Enforcement after May 1, 2010.

