

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 214

To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 27, 2011

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Big Oil Bailout Pre-
5 vention Unlimited Liability Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF LIMITS ON LIABILITY FOR OFFSHORE**
7 **FACILITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1004(a)(3) of the Oil Pol-
9 lution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2704(a)(3)) is amended by

1 striking “plus \$75,000,000” and inserting “and the liabil-
2 ity of the responsible party under section 1002”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 this section takes effect on April 15, 2010.

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