

House Calendar No. 115

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1248

[Report No. 117-498]

Of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the compliance with the obligations of the Mineral Leasing Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2022

Ms. HERRELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Reported adversely with an amendment, referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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1 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior is directed*
2 *to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than*
3 *14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution,*

1 *copies of any document, memorandum, correspondence, and*
2 *other communication or any portion of any such commu-*
3 *nication, that refers or relates to the compliance with the*
4 *obligations of the Mineral Leasing Act, including the fol-*
5 *lowing:*

6 (1) *All documents and communications relating*
7 *to the Mineral Leasing Act's requirement to hold*
8 *quarterly lease sales in each eligible State, including*
9 *but not limited to any reference to—*

10 (A) *cancelling lease sales in eligible sales;*

11 (B) *minimizing the acreage included in*
12 *lease sales in eligible lease sales; and*

13 (C) *the consequences of failing to hold man-*
14 *dated lease sales.*

15 (2) *All documents and communications relating*
16 *to the Mineral Leasing Act's requirement to process*
17 *Applications for Permit to Drill within 30 days of re-*
18 *ceipt at the Bureau of Land Management, including*
19 *but not limited to any reference to—*

20 (A) *delays in the approval process;*

21 (B) *the impact of staffing levels on the abil-*
22 *ity to approve Applications for Permit to Drill;*
23 *and*

24 (C) *instructions to intentionally slow the*
25 *approval process.*

1 (3) *All documents and communications relating*
2 *to the economic implications of failing to hold quar-*
3 *terly lease sales in eligible States or approve Applica-*
4 *tions for Permit to Drill within 30 days, including*
5 *but not limited to any reference to—*

6 (A) *decreasing domestic oil or natural gas*
7 *production;*

8 (B) *increasing dependence on foreign*
9 *sources of oil or natural gas;*

10 (C) *implications of funding for the Land*
11 *and Water Conservation Fund; and*

12 (D) *implications of funding for State and*
13 *local governments, including support for schools*
14 *and law enforcement.*

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