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S. 4571

To reaffirm that the President of the United States lacks the authority
to stop oil and gas leasing on Federal public land.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 20, 2022

Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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public land.

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. ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES.**

4 (a) QUARTERLY ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASE
5 SALES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
6 President may not pause, or otherwise prevent from occur-
7 ring, quarterly onshore oil and gas lease sales as required
8 by section 17(b)(1)(A) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30
9 U.S.C. 226(b)(1)(A)).

1 (b) REPLACEMENT OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES.—
2 If, for any reason, an oil and gas lease sale conducted
3 under section 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
4 226) for a calendar year is canceled, delayed, or deferred
5 or is paused due to section 208 of Executive Order 14008
6 (42 U.S.C. 4321 note; relating to tackling the climate cri-
7 sis at home and abroad), the Secretary shall conduct a
8 replacement sale by not later than 2 calendar years after
9 the date of the cancellation, delay, deferral, or pause, as
10 applicable.

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