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S. 5623

To establish a debt reduction fund to reduce the national debt of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 19 (legislative day, DECEMBER 16), 2024

Mr. SCHMITT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Energy for America's Economic Future Act".

SEC. 2. DEBT REDUCTION FUND.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(1) FUND.—The term "Fund" means the Debt Reduction Fund established under subsection (b).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Treasury.

(3) TOTAL REVENUE.—The term ''total revenue'' means all initial bid amounts collected at the time of an oil or gas lease sale, including royalties, rental payments, and fees accrued over the life of the lease.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the ''Debt Reduction Fund''.

(c) DEPOSITS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective beginning on the date that is 100 days after the date of enactment of this Act, 25 percent of the total revenue generated by an onshore or offshore Federal oil and gas lease sale conducted under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) or the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.), as applicable, shall be deposited into the Fund.

(d) USE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), any amounts deposited into the Fund shall be used solely to reduce the principal of the Federal debt.

(2) TREASURY SECURITIES.—Not later than the last day of each fiscal quarter, the Secretary shall apply all amounts deposited into the Fund solely to-

wards reduction of outstanding Treasury securities held by the public, or other debt instruments.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report detailing the amounts deposited into the Fund that were applied in accordance with subsection (d), specifying—

(1) the Treasury securities or other debt instruments redeemed; and

(2) the associated reduction in total Federal debt.

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