

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Legislation

112th Congress – First Session

House Legislation			
Bill	Summary	Status	Notes
<p>H.R. 52</p> <p>Oil Pollution Environmental Review Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" [VA-11]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 1</p>	<p>Oil Pollution Environmental Review Act or OPERA - Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to require the head of any federal agency to treat the issuance of any exploration plans, development production plans, development operation coordination documents, and lease sales required under federal law for offshore drilling activity on the outer Continental Shelf as a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and requiring detailed environmental analysis of proposed actions and reasonably foreseeable subsequent actions.</p> <p>Defines "offshore drilling activity" as drilling for oil or gas under a lease, or conducting a major geophysical seismic survey, under such Act, including for exploration, development, or</p>	<p>1/5/2011:</p> <p>Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p>	

	<p>production of oil or gas.</p> <p>Repeals a provision requiring the Secretary of the Interior to approve a plan for geological and geophysical exploration in the outer Continental Shelf within 30 days of its submission.</p>		
<p>H.R. 53</p> <p>To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny a deduction for removal costs and damages for which taxpayers are liable under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" [VA-11]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 2</p>	<p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to deny a tax deduction for the removal costs and damages assessed for a discharge of oil under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.</p>	<p>1/5/2011:</p> <p>Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p>	
<p>H.R. 54</p> <p>Stand by Your Oil Pollution Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" [VA-11]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 2</p>	<p>Stand by your Oil Pollution Act or the STOP Act - Amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to: (1) extend liability to any corporation, partnership, or other person (other than an individual) having an ownership interest exceeding 25% in any responsible party; and (2) limit such an entity's liability with respect to an incident (any occurrence or series of occurrences having the same</p>	<p>1/5/2011:</p> <p>Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.</p>	

	<p>origin, involving vessels and facilities, resulting in the discharge or substantial threat of discharge of oil) to no more than the percentage of the entity's aggregate ownership interests in all other responsible parties with respect to such incident.</p>		
<p>H.R. 56 Gulf Coast Restoration Act Sponsor: Rep. Scalise, Steve [LA-1] Cosponsor(s): 5</p>	<p>Gulf Coast Restoration Act - Establishes the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, which shall: (1) consult with, and provide recommendations to, the Chair of the Task Force regarding approval of State Coastal Ecosystem Restoration Plans submitted by the governors of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas providing for restoration activities the Gulf Coast ecosystem adversely impacted by the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon on April 20, 2010; (2) coordinate scientific and other research associated with restoration of such ecosystem; and (3) submit an annual report to Congress that summarizes the Plans approved by the Chair.</p> <p>Establishes in the Treasury the</p>	<p>1/5/2011: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</p> <p>1/5/2011: Referred to House Natural Resources</p> <p>1/5/2011: Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure</p>	<p>On January 26, 2011 a related measure HR 480 was introduced by Rep. Castor (D-FL) to establish programs to aid in the economic, environmental and public health recovery of the Gulf states from the damage and harm caused by the blowout of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon and the resulting degradation of the Gulf over time.</p>

	<p>Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Fund. Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit into the Fund sums equal to not less than 80% of any amounts collected by the United States as penalties, settlements, or fines under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) in relation to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and resulting hydrocarbon releases into the environment. Makes the Fund available for the conservation, protection, and restoration of the Gulf Coast ecosystem in accordance with approved Plans.</p> <p>Requires the governors of such states to: (1) submit a Plan to the Chair by October 1, 2011; and (2) solicit local input and provide for public participation in the development of the Plan.</p> <p>Requires the Chair to disburse amounts from such Fund to such a state for which the Chair has approved a Plan only for: (1) projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetlands; (2) mitigation of damage to fish,</p>		
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	<p>wildlife, or natural resources; (3) planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with this Act; and/or (4) implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan.</p> <p>Stay Connected with the Library All ways to connect »</p>		
<p>H.R. 261</p> <p>No New Drilling Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [NJ-6] Cosponsor(s): 8</p>	<p>Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the issuance of any lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil, gas, or any other mineral on the outer Continental Shelf.</p>	<p>1/11/2011: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p>	
<p>H.R. 372</p> <p>To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to deny leases and permits to persons who engage in activities with the government of any foreign country that is subject to any sanction or an embargo established by the Government of the United States.</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Buchanan, Vern [FL-13]</p>	<p>Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to deny an oil and gas lease, or an exploration, development, or production permit under such a lease, to any person that has engaged in activities with the government of a foreign country subject to a U.S. sanction or embargo, including one established under the Emergency Economic Powers Act.</p>	<p>1/20/2011: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>1/26/2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H474)</p>	

<p>Cosponsor(s): 12</p>			
<p>H.R. 480</p> <p>Gulf of Mexico Economic and Environmental Restoration Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Castor, Kathy [FL-11]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 0</p>	<p>Gulf of Mexico Economic and Environmental Restoration Act of 2011 - Establishes the Gulf of Mexico Recovery Council, consisting of each member of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force.</p> <p>Directs the Council to: (1) establish guidelines for state comprehensive restoration plans; (2) approve or disapprove such plans; (3) distribute funds to states that have such approved plans; (4) annually review such plans; (5) establish a Gulf of Mexico Observation System (to increase observation and monitoring capabilities in the Gulf), sea grant program (to fund Gulf coast restoration projects carried out by sea grant colleges or institutions located in the Gulf states [Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi]), seafood marketing program, clean energy program, and coast-based working group; (6) coordinate the sharing of scientific information and other research associated with Gulf coast economic development,</p>	<p>1/26/2011: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</p> <p>1/26/2011: Referred to House Natural Resources</p> <p>1/26/2011: Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure</p> <p>1/26/2011: Referred to House Energy and Commerce</p> <p>1/26/2011: Referred to House Science, Space, and Technology</p> <p>2/10/2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on</p>	

	<p>ecosystem restoration, and public health rehabilitation; and (7) submit an annual report to Congress.</p> <p>Establishes in the Treasury a Gulf of Mexico Economic and Environmental Recovery Fund. Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit into the Fund specified sums collected by the United States before, on, or after this Act's enactment as penalties, settlements, or fines under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) in relation to the Gulf oil spill of 2010. Requires the Fund to be made available to the Council only for activities related to Gulf coast economic development, ecosystem restoration, and public health rehabilitation.</p> <p>Directs the Council to: (1) distribute 80% of the amounts made available for expenditure from the Fund in a fiscal year to the Gulf states to be used to carry out their respective state comprehensive restoration plans approved by the Council; and (2) allocate funds according to specified formulas.</p>	<p>Energy and Environment.</p>	
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<p>H.R. 492</p> <p>Big Oil Bailout Prevention Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Holt, Rush D. [NJ-12]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 23</p>	<p>Amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to remove the limit on liability (currently, the total of all removal costs plus \$ 75,000,000) of a party responsible for an offshore facility except a deepwater port, from which oil is discharged into or upon navigable waters or adjoining shorelines.</p> <p>Makes this Act effective on April 15, 2010.</p>	<p>1/26/2011:</p> <p>Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.</p>	
<p>H.R.501</p> <p>Implementing the Recommendations of the BP Oil Spill Commission Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Markey, Edward J. [MA-7]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 8</p>	<p>Implementing the Recommendations of the BP Oil Spill Commission Act of 2011 - Establishes in the Department of the Interior: (1) a Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to administer a program of offshore energy and mineral resources management on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); (2) a Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to administer safety and environmental enforcement activities related to such resources; (3) a National Oil and Gas Health and Safety Academy to train Department of the Interior personnel; and (4) an Office of Natural Resources Revenue to administer offshore</p>	<p>1/26/2011:</p> <p>Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</p> <p>1/26/2011:</p> <p>Referred to House Natural Resources</p> <p>1/26/2011:</p> <p>Referred to House Science,</p>	

	<p>royalty and revenue management functions. Abolishes the Minerals Management Service and transfers specified functions to such Bureaus and Office.</p> <p>Requires the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) certify compliance with federal employee ethics laws annually; and (2) establish an Outer Continental Shelf Safety and Environmental Advisory Board to advise the Secretary and the Directors of such Bureaus on safe and environmentally compliant energy and mineral resource exploration, development, and production activities.</p> <p>Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 2011 - Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, including by: (1) establishing and revising regulations to provide for operational safety and the protection of the marine and coastal environment of OCS natural resources; (2) setting forth minimum requirements for regulatory standards for blowout preventers, well design, and cementing; (3) requiring the Secretary to review the minimum</p>	<p>Space, and Technology</p> <p>2/10/2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.</p> <p>1/26/2011: Referred to House Energy and Commerce</p> <p>1/26/2011: Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure</p> <p>1/26/2011: Referred to House Education and the Workforce</p>	
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	<p>financial responsibility requirements for leases by May 11, 2011, and every five years thereafter; (4) limiting an oil and gas lease of submerged OCS lands to a tract of 5,760 acres; (5) requiring geological exploration permits to include environmental and natural resource conservation requirements; (6) increasing civil penalties for violations; (7) directing the Secretary to require that lessees obtain a permit prior to any significant modification of a well design; (8) requiring lessees to submit development and production plans for oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico; (9) revoking provisions concerning royalty relief for oil and gas leases in the Planning Areas offshore Alaska; (10) requiring the President to publish a final determination of the boundaries of coastal states projected seaward to the outer margin of the OCS; and (11) prohibiting the Secretary from issuing any license or permit authorizing drilling for oil and gas on the OCS unless the applicant has an approved response plan. Requires the Secretary to take action to apply such requirements to existing</p>		
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	<p>leases.</p> <p>Amends the Clean Air Act to require the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board to make recommendations on preventing an accidental fire, explosion, or release involving an offshore oil or gas exploration or production facility to the Secretary and the Commandant of the Coast Guard.</p> <p>Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to repeal provisions relating to: (1) incentives for natural gas production from deep wells in shallow waters in the Gulf of Mexico; (2) royalty relief for deep water production in the Gulf of Mexico; and (3) a rebuttable presumption that the use of a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 would apply to specified actions by the Secretary in managing the public lands, or to the Secretary of Agriculture in managing National Forest System Lands, if the activity is conducted pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act for the purpose of exploration or development of oil or gas.</p>		
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	<p>Royalty Relief for American Consumers Act of 2011 - Sets forth requirements concerning: (1) payment responsibilities for issuing new leases or transferring leases that authorize the production of oil or natural gas; and (2) new or revised price thresholds applicable to royalty suspension provisions.</p> <p>Amends the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 to increase civil penalties for violations of such Act.</p> <p>Directs the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) complete a pilot project assessing costs and benefits of automatic transmission of certain data produced under federal leases on the OCS; (2) ensure accurate determination and reporting of BTU values of natural gas from federal leases to ensure accurate royalty payments; (3) publish regulations concerning required recordkeeping of natural gas measurement data; and (4) publish regulations prescribing when a lessee must report and pay royalties on oil and gas. Applies any royalty under an OCS lease to oil that is saved,</p>		
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	<p>removed, sold, or discharged, without regard to whether the oil is lost or used on, or for the benefit of, the lease.</p> <p>Gulf Coast Restoration Act - Establishes: (1) the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Fund for the conservation, protection, and restoration of the Gulf Coast in accordance with State Coastal Ecosystem Restoration Plans; and (2) the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force to review and approve such plans.</p> <p>Requires: (1) the Chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) to establish or designate a Regional Coordination Council for each of the Coordination Regions designated by this Act, which shall submit to CEQ strategic plans to foster comprehensive, integrated, and sustainable development and use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources, while protecting marine ecosystem health and sustaining the long-term economic and ecosystem values of such waters.</p> <p>Establishes the Ocean Resources</p>		
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	<p>Conservation and Assistance Fund, amounts from which shall be used for activities and grants that contribute to the conservation, protection, maintenance, and restoration of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems.</p> <p>Oil Spill Accountability and Environmental Protection Act of 2011 - Amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to: (1) repeal the limitation on the liability of the responsible party for an offshore facility for damages and removal costs that result from a discharge of oil into or upon the navigable waters or adjoining shorelines or the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ); (2) increase the amount of financial responsibility required for offshore facilities and guarantors of an offshore facility to \$300 million; (3) make responsible parties for vessels or facilities from which oil is discharged liable for damages to human health; (4) authorize the President to require a responsible party to provide information about claims in the event of a spill of national significance; and (5) extend liability to any corporation, partnership, or other</p>		
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	<p>person (other than an individual) having an ownership interest exceeding 25% in any responsible party.</p> <p>Limits the: (1) exploration, development, or production of resources in, on, above, or below the EEZ to vessels owned by U.S. citizens; and (2) exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in, on, above, or below the EEZ to facilities built in the United States.</p> <p>Sets forth provisions concerning safety management systems and standards for mobile offshore drilling units.</p> <p>Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to: (1) revoke the President's authorization to allow tank vessels and facilities to operate without a plan to respond to the discharge of oil or hazardous substances; and (2) require the National Contingency Plan to include guidelines regarding the use of containment booms to contain a discharge of oil or a hazardous substance. Requires</p>		
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	<p>the President to: (1) issue a revised regulation for the development of the schedule for the use of dispersants, other chemicals, and other spill mitigating devices and substances; (2) undertake a rulemaking concerning standards for ceasing and removing a worst case discharge of oil or a hazardous substance and for mitigating or preventing a substantial threat of such discharge; (3) create a database to track all discharges of oil or hazardous substances; and (4) delegate specified responsibilities with respect to oil discharges to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, the Secretary of Transportation (DOT), and the Secretary of the Interior.</p> <p>Requires the Commandant to inventory and maintain a database of vessels operating in U.S. waters that are capable of meeting oil spill responses needs designated in the National Contingency Plan.</p>		
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	<p>Oil Pollution Research and Development Program Reauthorization Act of 2011 - Amends the Oil Pollution Research and Development Program, including by: (1) revising membership requirements of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research; (2) requiring such Committee to develop a national information clearinghouse on oil discharge; (3) removing requirements that the Coast Guard conduct port oil pollution minimization demonstration projects with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the Port of New Orleans, Louisiana; and (4) requiring such Committee to establish the Oil Pollution Research Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to eliminate: (1) the \$1 billion per incident limitation on expenditures from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for cleanup of oil spills; and (2) restrictions on the borrowing authority of such Trust Fund.</p> <p>Amends the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976</p>		
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	<p>to repeal provisions concerning: (1) renewing leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; (2) expiration of a lease if no oil or gas is produced from a lease within 30 years of its issuance; (3) expiration of a lease covering lands capable of producing oil or gas in paying quantities for failing to produce such quantities due to circumstances beyond the lessee's control; and (4) waiving, suspending, or reducing rental fees or royalties.</p> <p>Amends the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to make any person or instrumentality that destroys, causes the loss of, or injures any refuge resource liable for the amount of the response costs and resulting damages and interest on amounts paid in satisfaction of claims under such Act.</p> <p>Amends the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make grants to coastal states to ensure sufficient response capabilities to address impacts of oil spills.</p>		
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	<p>Requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish a Flow Rate Technical Group to develop expertise in measuring and estimating flow rates and spill volumes.</p> <p>Study of Ways to Improve the Accuracy of the Collection of Federal Oil, Condensate, and Natural Gas Royalties Act of 2011 - Requires the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Engineering to study whether any of specified actions would improve the accuracy of collection of royalties on production of oil, condensate, and natural gas under leases of federal lands (including submerged and deep water lands) and Indian lands.</p> <p>Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2011 - Prohibits employers from discharging, or discriminating against, a covered employee for providing information for, or participating in, proceedings related to violations of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.</p>		
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<p>H.R. 503</p> <p>Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George [CA-7]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 1</p>	<p>Prohibits an employer from discharging, discriminating, or engaging in retaliatory actions against specified employees who report to a government official any violation or unsafe condition under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.</p> <p>Sets forth procedures for filing a complaint with the Secretary of Labor regarding such retaliation.</p> <p>Requires employers to: (1) post a notice approved by the Secretary of Labor explaining employee rights and remedies under this Act in a conspicuous location in the place of employment where employees frequent; (2) provide training to employees about their rights under this Act within 30 days of employment, and at least once every 12 months thereafter; and (3) provide employees with a card containing a toll free telephone number at the Department of Labor to get information or file a complaint under this Act.</p> <p>Directs the Secretary of Labor, within 30 days after enactment of this Act, to designate agency officials to receive, investigate,</p>	<p>1/26/2011:</p> <p>Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.</p>	
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	and adjudicate complaints concerning violations under this Act.		
<p>H.R. 601</p> <p>End Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 33</p>	<p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to require seven-year amortization of the geological and geophysical expenditures of covered large oil companies. Defines "covered large oil company" as a taxpayer which is a major integrated oil company or which has gross receipts in excess of \$50 million in a taxable year.</p> <p>Denies certain tax benefits to any taxpayer that is not a small, independent oil and gas company, including: (1) the tax credits for producing oil and gas from marginal wells and for enhanced oil recovery, (2) expensing of intangible drilling and development costs in the case of gas wells and geothermal wells, (3) percentage depletion, (4) the tax deduction for qualified tertiary injectant expenses, (5) the exemption from limitations on passive activity losses, and (6) the tax deduction for income attributable to domestic production activities.</p> <p>Prohibits the use of the last-in,</p>	<p>2/10/2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E192)</p> <p>2/10/2011: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</p>	

	<p>first-out (LIFO) accounting method by major integrated oil companies.</p> <p>Limits or denies the foreign tax credit and tax deferrals for amounts paid or accrued by a dual capacity taxpayer to a foreign country or U.S. possession for any period with respect to combined foreign oil and gas income. Defines "dual capacity taxpayer" as a person who is subject to a levy of a foreign country or U.S. possession and receives (or will receive) directly or indirectly a specific economic benefit from such county or possession.</p>		
<p>H.R. Res 44</p> <p>Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that an effective moratorium by the Executive Branch on offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling should be terminated.</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Burton, Dan [IN-5]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 20</p>	<p>Declares the sense of the House of Representatives that it should be U.S. policy to allow for the development of offshore oil and gas-rich areas in an environmentally responsible manner.</p> <p>Declares that the Department of the Interior should: (1) complete promptly environmental analysis related to offshore leasing activities, including specified programs; (2) rescind promptly its announcement that the government will not propose any</p>	<p>1/19/2011: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p>	

	<p>new oil drilling in waters off the East Coast, West Coast, or Eastern Gulf of Mexico for at least the next seven years; (3) expedite the processing and approval of both deepwater and shallow water drilling permits, exploration plans, development operations coordination documents, and development and production plans; and (4) allow new lease sales in all permissible areas of the Outer Continental Shelf, including the Gulf of Mexico, Alaska, and Atlantic areas.</p>		
<p>H. R. 840</p> <p>Safe Exploration Coming from Underwater Reserves of Energy (SECURE) Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Murphy, Tim [PA-18]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 27</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>2/28/2011: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>3/4/2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p> <p>3/1/2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.</p>	
<p>H.R. 903</p> <p>Maximize Offshore Resource Exploration (MORE) Act of 2011</p> <p>Rep Calvert, Ken [CA-44]</p> <p>Cosponsors: 16</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>3/3/2011: Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in</p>	

		<p>each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</p> <p>3/3/2011: Referred to House Natural Resources</p> <p>3/7/2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p> <p>3/3/2011: Referred to House Budget</p> <p>3/3/2011: Referred to House Rules</p>	
<p>H.R. 939</p> <p>Offshore Lease Fairness Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep Poe, Ted [TX-2]</p> <p>Cosponsors: 0</p>	N/A	<p>3/8/2011: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>3/10/2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p>	

<p>H.R. 993</p> <p>Lease Extension and Secure Energy Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep Flores, Bill [TX-17]</p> <p>Cosponsors: 22</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>3/10/2011: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>3/11/2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p> <p>3/11/2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.</p>	
<p>H.R. 1115</p> <p>Expedited Offshore Permitting Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep Flores, Bill [TX-17]</p> <p>Cosponsors: 4</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>3/16/2011: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</p> <p>3/18/2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.</p>	

Senate Legislation			
Bill	Summary	Status	Notes
<p>S. 104</p> <p>A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to finalize a proposed rule to amend the spill prevention, control, and countermeasure rule to tailor and streamline the requirements for the dairy industry, and for other purposes.</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Johanns, Mike [NE]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 13</p>	<p>Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), within 30 days after this Act's enactment, to finalize the proposed rule entitled "Oil Pollution Prevention; Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Rule Requirements--Amendments" to exempt certain milk containers and associated piping and appurtenance from the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure program. Prohibits the Administrator from taking regulatory action against dairy and dairy product producers, processors, handlers, and distributors related to such exemption until the effective date of the finalized rule.</p>	<p>1/25/2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	
<p>S. 183</p> <p>Deepwater Horizon Survivors' Fairness Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [WV]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 3</p>	<p>Amends federal maritime law formerly known as the Shipowners' Liability Act of 1851 to exclude a claim for personal injury or wrongful death arising from the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon that occurred on April 20, 2010</p>	<p>1/25/2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	

	<p>(the Deepwater Horizon incident), from provisions limiting a vessel owner's liability in specified instances to the value of the vessel and its pending freight.</p> <p>Amends the Death on the High Seas Act to allow a civil action in law or in admiralty against the person or vessel responsible for a Deepwater Horizon incident death. (Current law allows only a civil action in admiralty when death is caused by a wrongful act, neglect, or default.) Authorizes any related recovery to include fair compensation for nonpecuniary loss (care, comfort, companionship, and society) plus a fair compensation for the decedent's pain and suffering. (Current law allows only fair compensation for pecuniary loss sustained by the individuals for whose benefit the action is brought.)</p> <p>Amends the Jones Act to authorize any recovery in a civil action at law against the employer of a seaman who dies from the Deepwater Horizon incident to include fair compensation for nonpecuniary</p>		
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	<p>loss, plus a fair compensation for the decedent's pain and suffering. (Current law allows only certain wrongful death and survival claims as is available to railway employees.)</p> <p>Permits a plaintiff in certain civil actions for damages for personal injury or wrongful death arising from the Deepwater Horizon incident to: (1) sever such claims from other claims in the action, and (2) prohibit the transfer of such claims for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings.</p>		
<p>S. 204</p> <p>Resources for Oil Spill Research and Prevention Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Begich, Mark [AK]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 0</p>	<p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) increase the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund financing rate by 3 cents a barrel for domestic crude oil and by 7 cents a barrel for any other crude oil; and (2) repeal the termination date of such financing rate.</p> <p>Amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to expand the allowable uses of Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund amounts to include: (1) payment of costs incurred by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Coast Guard, and other federal agencies to maintain</p>	<p>1/26/2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</p>	

	<p>research, prevention, and response capabilities with respect to discharges of oil; (2) payment of costs to carry out environmental assessment studies; and (3) grants to affected states, institutions of higher education, and other entities for research relating to discharges of oil on the Outer Continental Shelf.</p>		
<p>S. 214</p> <p>Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Menendez, Robert [NJ]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 2</p>	<p>Amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to make the party responsible for an offshore facility, except a deepwater port, from which oil is discharged into or upon navigable waters or adjoining shorelines liable for all discharge removal costs and damages for each incident (under current law such party is liable for the total of all removal costs plus \$75 million).</p> <p>Makes this Act effective on April 15, 2010.</p>	<p>1/27/2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	

<p>S. 215</p> <p>Big Oil Bailout Prevention Trust Fund Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Menendez, Robert [NJ]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 2</p>	<p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to eliminate: (1) the \$1 billion per incident limitation on expenditures from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for cleanup of oil spills, and (2) restrictions on the borrowing authority of such Trust Fund.</p> <p>Amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to direct the President to promulgate regulations to allow advance payments from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund to states and localities to prepare for and mitigate substantial threats from the discharge of oil.</p>	<p>1/27/2011:</p> <p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</p>	
<p>S. 258</p> <p>Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Menendez, Robert [NJ]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 7</p>	<p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to deny to taxpayers with gross revenues in excess of \$100 million in a taxable year (applicable large taxpayers): (1) the tax deduction for intangible drilling and development costs, (2) the tax deduction for qualified tertiary injectant expenses, (3) the exemption from restrictions on the deductibility of passive losses, (4) the percentage depletion allowance for oil and gas wells, and (5) the tax deduction for income attributable to domestic production of oil, natural gas, or primary products</p>	<p>2/2/2011:</p> <p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</p>	

	<p>thereof.</p> <p>Requires applicable large taxpayers to amortize their geological and geophysical expenditures over a seven-year period.</p> <p>Imposes on producers of taxable crude oil or natural gas a 13% excise tax on the removal price of such oil and natural gas produced from lands on the Outer Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Mexico. Allows a nonrefundable credit against such tax for royalties paid under federal law with respect to the production of such crude oil and natural gas.</p> <p>Denies a foreign tax credit to any large integrated oil company that is subject to a levy of a foreign country or possession of the United States and receives an economic benefit from such country or possession (dual capacity taxpayer) if such country or possession does not impose a generally applicable income tax.</p>		
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<p>S. 338</p> <p>Deepwater Drilling Royalty Relief Prohibition Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [CA]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 1</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>2/14/2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.</p> <p>2/14/2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	
<p>S. 405</p> <p>Gulf Stream Protection Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Nelson, Bill [FL]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 0</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>2/17/2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure.</p> <p>2/17/2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	
<p>S. 516</p> <p>Lease Extension and Secure Energy Act of 2011</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Hutchinson, Kay Bailey [TX]</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 2</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>3/9/2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	

<p>S. 595</p> <p>Oil Spill Victims Redress Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon (RI)</p> <p>Cosponsor(s): 0</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>3/16/2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	
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