

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7688
OFFERED BY MR. CARL OF ALABAMA

At the end, add the following:

1 **SEC. 3. OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING.**

2 (a) GULF OF MEXICO REGION ANNUAL LEASE
3 SALES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, be-
4 ginning in fiscal year 2022, the Secretary of the Interior
5 shall annually conduct a minimum of 2 region-wide oil and
6 gas lease sales in the following planning areas of the Gulf
7 of Mexico region, as described in the 2017–2022 Outer
8 Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final
9 Program (November 2016):

10 (1) The Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area.

11 (2) The Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area.

12 (b) ALASKA REGION ANNUAL LEASE SALES.—Not-
13 withstanding any other provision of law, beginning in fis-
14 cal year 2022, the Secretary of the Interior shall annually
15 conduct a minimum of 2 region-wide oil and gas lease
16 sales in the Alaska region of the Outer Continental Shelf,
17 as described in the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf
18 Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (November
19 2016).

1 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting lease sales
2 under subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary of the Inte-
3 rior shall—

4 (1) issue such leases in accordance with the
5 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332
6 et seq.); and

7 (2) include in each such lease sale all unleased
8 areas that are not subject to restrictions as of the
9 date of the lease sale.

10 (d) OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING DELAYS.—
11 Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
12 U.S.C. 1344) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence of the
14 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
15 sections (c) and (d) of this section” and inserting
16 “this section”;

17 (2) by redesignating subsections (f) through (h)
18 as subsections (g) through (i), respectively; and

19 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(f) UNREASONABLE DELAYS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall not,
23 through Executive order or any other administrative
24 procedure, unreasonably pause, cancel, delay, defer,
25 or otherwise impede or circumvent any Federal en-

1 energy mineral leasing processes under this Act, or a
2 related rulemaking process required by subchapter II
3 of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5, United States
4 Code (commonly known as the ‘Administrative Pro-
5 cedure Act’), without congressional approval.

6 “(2) REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION.—There shall
7 be a rebuttable presumption that any attempt by the
8 President to pause, cancel, delay, defer, or otherwise
9 impede or circumvent any Federal energy mineral
10 leasing process, or a related rulemaking process, de-
11 scribed in paragraph (1), without congressional ap-
12 proval, is considered unreasonable for purposes of
13 paragraph (1).”.

