

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7688
OFFERED BY MR. MOORE OF UTAH

At the end, add the following:

1 **SEC. 3. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST; APPLICATIONS FOR**
2 **PERMITS TO DRILL.**

3 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
4 of enactment of this section, the Secretary of the Interior
5 shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of
6 the House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
7 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that
8 describes—

9 (1) the status of nominated parcels for future
10 onshore oil and gas lease sales, including—

11 (A) the number of expressions of interest
12 that the Bureau of Land Management has not
13 taken any action to review, or not completed re-
14 view of, as of the date of enactment of this sec-
15 tion; and

16 (B) how long such expressions of interest
17 have been pending;

18 (2) the status of each pending application for a
19 permit to drill in each Bureau of Land Management

1 State office as of the date of enactment of this sec-
2 tion, including—

3 (A) a description of the cause of delay for
4 outstanding applications, including as a result
5 of staffing shortages, technical limitations, in-
6 complete applications, and incomplete review
7 pursuant to the National Environmental Policy
8 Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) or other
9 applicable laws;

10 (B) the number of days a permit has been
11 outstanding in violation of section 17(p)(2) of
12 the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226(p)(2));
13 and

14 (C) steps the office is taking to come into
15 compliance with the requirements of section
16 17(p)(2) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
17 226(p)(2));

18 (3) the number of applications for a permit to
19 drill issued by each Bureau of Land Management
20 State office as of the date of enactment of this sec-
21 tion;

22 (4) how the Bureau of Land Management de-
23 termines whether to—

24 (A) issue a permit to drill; and

1 (B) issue, extend, or suspend an oil and
2 gas lease;

3 (5) when determinations described in paragraph
4 (4) are sent to the national office of the Bureau of
5 Land Management for final approval; and

6 (6) the degree to which the Bureau of Land
7 Management field offices exercise discretion on such
8 final approval.

9 (b) PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO
10 DRILL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enact-
11 ment of this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall
12 issue all pending applications for a permit to drill that
13 meet the requirements of section 17(p)(2) of the Mineral
14 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226(p)(2)).

15 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—Section 17 of
16 the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226) is amended by
17 adding at the end the following:

18 “(q) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—

19 “(1) EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST.—Not later
20 than 30 days after the date of enactment of this
21 subsection, and each month thereafter, the Secretary
22 of the Interior shall publish on the website of the
23 Department of the Interior the number of pending,
24 approved, and not approved expressions of interest

1 in nominated parcels for future onshore oil and gas
2 lease sales in the preceding month.

3 “(2) APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO DRILL.—

4 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
5 of this subsection, and each month thereafter, the
6 Secretary of the Interior shall publish on the website
7 of the Department of the Interior the number of
8 pending and approved applications for permits to
9 drill in the preceding month.”.

