

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7688
OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER OF MINNESOTA

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 3. OFFSHORE LEASE SALES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
3 conduct all lease sales described in the 2017–2022 Outer
4 Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final
5 Program (November 2016) that have not been conducted
6 as of the date of enactment of this Act by not later than
7 December 31, 2022.

8 (b) GULF OF MEXICO REGION ANNUAL LEASE
9 SALES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, be-
10 ginning in fiscal year 2022, the Secretary of the Interior
11 shall conduct a minimum of 2 region-wide oil and natural
12 gas lease sales annually in the Gulf of Mexico Region of
13 the outer Continental Shelf, which shall include the fol-
14 lowing areas described the 2017–2022 Outer Continental
15 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (No-
16 vember 2016):

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

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

19 (c) ALASKA REGION ANNUAL LEASE SALES.—Not-
20 withstanding any other provision of law, beginning in fis-

1 cal year 2022, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct
2 a minimum of 2 region-wide oil and natural gas lease sales
3 annually in the Alaska Region of the outer Continental
4 Shelf, as described the 2017–2022 Outer Continental
5 Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (No-
6 vember 2016).

7 (d) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting lease sales
8 under subsections (b) and (c) the Secretary of the Interior
9 shall—

10 (1) issue leases to the highest responsible quali-
11 fied bidder or bidders; and

12 (2) include in each lease sale all unleased areas
13 that are not subject to restrictions as of the date of
14 the lease sale.

15 (e) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS
16 LEASING PROGRAM.—Section 18 of the Outer Continental
17 Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1344) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence of the
19 matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
20 sections (c) and (d) of this section” and inserting
21 “subsections (c) through (f)”;

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

24 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(f) SUBSEQUENT LEASING PROGRAMS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 36 months
3 after conducting the first lease sale under an oil and
4 gas leasing program prepared pursuant to this sec-
5 tion, the Secretary shall begin preparing the subse-
6 quent oil and gas leasing program under this sec-
7 tion.

8 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—Each subsequent oil and
9 gas leasing program under this section shall be ap-
10 proved not later than 180 days before the expiration
11 of the previous oil and gas leasing program.”.

