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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Moore of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Protecting American Energy Act”.

SEC. 2. ANNUAL ENERGY ANALYSES; ESTIMATES; REPORT.

(a) ANNUAL ANALYSES; ESTIMATES.—The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
fense, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Energy, and the Secretary of State, shall—

(1) conduct an annual qualitative and quantitative analysis of—

(A) the energy production on Federal lands and interests in lands, on State lands, and on private lands during the 5 calendar years immediately prior to the year in which the analysis is conducted;

(B) the energy consumption by the United States during the 5 calendar years immediately prior to the year in which the analysis is conducted; and

(2) complete an annual estimate of—

(A) the probable energy production on Federal lands and interests in lands, on State lands, and on private lands during the calendar year immediately after to the year in which the analysis required under paragraphs (1) is conducted based on—

(i) current events;

(ii) the analysis required under paragraph (1);

(iii) data and analysis published by the Energy Information Administration re-
Regarding domestic oil and gas production and consumption;

(iv) data and analysis published by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue regarding domestic oil and gas production and consumption; and

(v) other data considered relevant by such Secretaries; and

(B) the probable energy consumption by the United States during the calendar year immediately after to the year in which the analysis required under paragraphs (1) is conducted based on—

(i) current events;

(ii) the analysis required under paragraph (1);

(iii) data and analysis published by the Energy Information Administration regarding domestic oil and gas production and consumption;

(iv) data and analysis published by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue regarding domestic oil and gas production and consumption; and
(v) other data considered relevant by such Secretaries.

(b) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall—

(1) complete an annual report for the calendar year immediately before the report is completed that includes—

(A) the analyses and estimates completed under subsection (a);

(B) the data used to complete the analyses and estimates under subsection (a); and

(C) recommendations to secure and increase United States energy independence; and

(2) not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act and not later than September 30 of each year thereafter, transmit the report required under paragraph (1) to—

(A) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

**SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND.**

(a) **RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED.**—Subject to valid, existing rights, Federal lands and interests in lands may not be withdrawn from entry, appropriation,
or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry or
patent under the mining laws, or operation of the mineral
leasing, mineral materials, or geothermal leasing laws un-
less—

(1) a quantitative and qualitative geophysical
and geological mineral resource assessment of the
Federal lands and interests in lands proposed to be
withdrawn has been—

(A) completed by the Director of the
United States Geological Survey during the 10-
year period ending immediately before the date
of the withdrawal; or

(B) certified as current by the Director of
the United States Geological Survey; and

(2) the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation
with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of
Commerce, the Secretary of Energy, and the Sec-
retary of State, have conducted a quantitative and
qualitative geophysical and geological resource as-
assessment to determine that the withdrawal is not
projected to have a negative impact on domestic en-
ergy independence.

(b) REQUIREMENT FOR OIL AND GAS LEASING
WITHDRAWAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
law, the Secretary of the Interior may not withdraw Fed-
eral land or interests in land from oil and gas leasing unless specifically authorized by a Federal statute if—

(1) the proposed withdrawal is projected to reduce the ability of the United States to meet domestic energy needs with domestic energy production as determined by the resource assessments made pursuant to this section; or

(2) a parcel included in the proposed withdrawal has an exterior boundary that is less than 50 miles from the exterior boundary of another parcel that was withdrawn from oil and gas leasing during the 1-year period before the date of the proposed withdrawal.