

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 415, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS**

Add at the end the following new titles (and designate sections 1 and 2 as sections 101 and 102, respectively, of title I—Taunton River, Massachusetts):

1 **TITLE II—REFINERIES**

2 **SEC. 200. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—Titles II through V of this Act
4 may be cited as the “No More Excuses Energy Act of
5 2007”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
7 titles II through V of this Act is as follows:

TITLE II—REFINERIES

- Sec. 200. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 201. Issuance of guidance.
- Sec. 202. Tax-exempt financing of domestic use oil refinery facilities.
- Sec. 203. Designation and availability of Federal lands for oil and natural gas refineries.

TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

- Sec. 301. Extension of wind production tax credit.

TITLE IV—NUCLEAR ENERGY

- Sec. 401. Waste Confidence.
- Sec. 402. ASME Nuclear Certification credit.

TITLE V—DRILLING

Subtitle A—Tax Provisions

- Sec. 501. Credit for producing fuel from nonconventional sources to apply to gas produced onshore from formations more than 15,000 feet deep.

Sec. 502. Tax credit for carbon dioxide captured from industrial sources and used in enhanced oil and natural gas recovery.

Subtitle B—Termination of Congressional Moratoria on Oil and Gas Development on the Outer Continental Shelf

Sec. 511. Termination of laws prohibiting expenditures for oil and natural gas leasing and preleasing activities regarding areas of the outer continental shelf.

Subtitle C—Oil and Gas Development on the Coastal Plain of Alaska

Sec. 521. Short title.

Sec. 522. Definitions.

Sec. 523. Leasing program for lands within the Coastal Plain.

Sec. 524. Lease sales.

Sec. 525. Grant of leases by the Secretary.

Sec. 526. Lease terms and conditions.

Sec. 527. Coastal plain environmental protection.

Sec. 528. Expedited judicial review.

Sec. 529. Federal and State distribution of revenues.

Sec. 530. Rights-of-way across the Coastal Plain.

Sec. 531. Conveyance.

Sec. 532. Local government impact aid and community service assistance.

1 SEC. 201. ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE.

2 The Secretary of the Treasury shall, not later than
3 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, pre-
4 scribe the regulations described in paragraph (1) of sec-
5 tion 179C(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relat-
6 ing to election to expense certain refineries).

7 SEC. 202. TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING OF DOMESTIC USE OIL
8 REFINERY FACILITIES.

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—

10 (1) TREATMENT AS EXEMPT FACILITY BOND.—

11 Subsection (a) of section 142 of the Internal Rev-
12 enue Code of 1986 (relating to exempt facility bond)
13 is amended by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
14 (14), by striking the period at the end of paragraph

1 (15) and inserting “, and”, and by inserting at the
2 end the following new paragraph:

3 “(16) domestic use oil refinery facilities.”.

4 (2) DOMESTIC USE OIL REFINERY FACILI-
5 TIES.—Section 142 of such Code is amended by
6 adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(n) DOMESTIC USE OIL REFINERY FACILITIES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
9 (a)(16), the term ‘domestic use oil refinery facility’
10 means any facility in the United States—

11 “(A) which processes liquid fuel from
12 crude oil, and

13 “(B) all of the output of which it is rea-
14 sonably certain ultimate consumption will occur
15 in the United States.

16 “(2) ELECTION TO TERMINATE TAX-EXEMPT
17 BOND FINANCING BY CERTAIN REFINERIES.—In the
18 case of a facility financed with bonds which would
19 cease to be tax-exempt by reason of the failure to
20 meet the domestic use requirement of this sub-
21 section, rules similar to the rules of subsection (f)(4)
22 shall apply for purposes of this section.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 this section shall apply to bonds issued after the date of
25 the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 203. DESIGNATION AND AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL**
2 **LANDS FOR OIL AND NATURAL GAS REFIN-**
3 **ERIES.**

4 (a) **DESIGNATION.**—Within 18 months after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the President shall designate at
6 least ten sites on Federal lands that are suitable for the
7 siting of an oil refinery or natural gas refinery (or both).

8 (b) **AVAILABILITY OF LANDS.**—Within 24 months
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall
10 make each site designated under subsection (a) available
11 to the private sector for construction of an oil refinery or
12 natural gas refinery (or both), as appropriate.

13 **TITLE III—ALTERNATIVE**
14 **ENERGY**

15 **SEC. 301. EXTENSION OF WIND PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT.**

16 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (1) of section 45(d) of
17 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
18 “2009” and inserting “2019”.

19 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply to property originally placed in
21 service on or after January 1, 2009.

22 **TITLE IV—NUCLEAR ENERGY**

23 **SEC. 401. WASTE CONFIDENCE.**

24 The Nuclear Regulatory Commission may not deny
25 an application for a license, permit, or other authorization
26 under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 on the grounds that

1 sufficient capacity does not exist, or will not become avail-
2 able on a timely basis, for disposal of spent nuclear fuel
3 or high-level radioactive waste from the facility for which
4 the license, permit, or other authorization is sought.

5 **SEC. 402. ASME NUCLEAR CERTIFICATION CREDIT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
7 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
8 1986 (relating to business related credits) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 45Q. ASME NUCLEAR CERTIFICATION CREDIT.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 38, the
12 ASME Nuclear Certification credit determined under this
13 section for any taxable year is an amount equal to 15 per-
14 cent of the qualified nuclear expenditures paid or incurred
15 by the taxpayer.

16 “(b) QUALIFIED NUCLEAR EXPENDITURES.—For
17 purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified nuclear ex-
18 penditures’ means any expenditure related to—

19 “(1) obtaining a certification under the Amer-
20 ican Society of Mechanical Engineers Nuclear Com-
21 ponent Certification program, or

22 “(2) increasing the taxpayer’s capacity to con-
23 struct, fabricate, assemble, or install components—

24 “(A) for any facility which uses nuclear en-
25 ergy to produce electricity, and

1 “(B) with respect to the construction, fab-
2 rication, assembly, or installation of which the
3 taxpayer is certified under such program.

4 “(c) TIMING OF CREDIT.—The credit allowed under
5 subsection (a) for any expenditures shall be allowed—

6 “(1) in the case of a qualified nuclear expendi-
7 ture described in subsection (b)(1), for the taxable
8 year of such certification, and

9 “(2) in the case of any other qualified nuclear
10 expenditure, for the taxable year in which such ex-
11 penditure is paid or incurred.

12 “(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

13 “(1) BASIS ADJUSTMENT.—For purposes of
14 this subtitle, if a credit is allowed under this section
15 for an expenditure, the increase in basis which would
16 result (but for this subsection) for such expenditure
17 shall be reduced by the amount of the credit allowed
18 under this section.

19 “(2) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No deduc-
20 tion shall be allowed under this chapter for any
21 amount taken into account in determining the credit
22 under this section.

23 “(e) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to
24 any expenditures paid or incurred in taxable years begin-
25 ning after December 31, 2019.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Subsection (b)
2 of section 38 of such Code is amended by striking “plus”
3 at the end of paragraph (32), by striking the period at
4 the end of paragraph (33) and inserting “, plus”, and by
5 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(34) the ASME Nuclear Certification credit
7 determined under section 45Q(a).”.

8 (2) Subsection (a) of section 1016 of such Code (re-
9 lating to adjustments to basis) is amended by striking
10 “and” at the end of paragraph (35), by striking the period
11 at the end of paragraph (36) and inserting “, and”, and
12 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

13 “(37) to the extent provided in section
14 45Q(e)(1).”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to expenditures paid or incurred
17 in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.

18 TITLE V—DRILLING

19 Subtitle A—Tax Provisions

20 **SEC. 501. CREDIT FOR PRODUCING FUEL FROM NON-**
21 **CONVENTIONAL SOURCES TO APPLY TO GAS**
22 **PRODUCED ONSHORE FROM FORMATIONS**
23 **MORE THAN 15,000 FEET DEEP.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B) of section
25 45K(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-

1 ed by striking “or” at the end of clause (i), by striking
2 “and” at the end of clause (ii) and inserting “or”, and
3 by inserting after clause (ii) the following new clause:

4 “(iii) an onshore well from a forma-
5 tion more than 15,000 feet deep, and”.

6 (b) **ELIGIBLE DEEP GAS WELLS.**—Section 45K of
7 such Code is amended by adding at the end the following
8 new subsection:

9 “(h) **ELIGIBLE DEEP GAS WELLS.**—In the case of
10 a well producing qualified fuel described in subsection
11 (e)(1)(B)(iii)—

12 “(1) for purposes of subsection (e)(1)(A), such
13 well shall be treated as drilled before January 1,
14 1993, if such well is drilled after the date of the en-
15 actment of this subsection, and

16 “(2) subsection (e)(2) shall not apply.”.

17 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
18 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 502. TAX CREDIT FOR CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURED**
21 **FROM INDUSTRIAL SOURCES AND USED IN**
22 **ENHANCED OIL AND NATURAL GAS RECOV-**
23 **ERY.**

24 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
25 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of

1 1986 (relating to business credits), as amended by section
2 402, is amended by adding at the end the following new
3 section:

4 **“SEC. 45R. CREDIT FOR CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURED FROM**
5 **INDUSTRIAL SOURCES AND USED AS A TER-**
6 **TIARY INJECTANT IN ENHANCED OIL AND**
7 **NATURAL GAS RECOVERY.**

8 “(a) **GENERAL RULE.**—For purposes of section 38,
9 the captured carbon dioxide tertiary injectant credit for
10 any taxable year is an amount equal to the product of—

11 “(1) the credit amount, and

12 “(2) the qualified carbon dioxide captured from
13 industrial sources and used as a tertiary injectant in
14 qualified enhanced oil and natural gas recovery
15 which is attributable to the taxpayer.

16 “(b) **CREDIT AMOUNT.**—For purposes of this sec-
17 tion—

18 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The credit amount is \$0.75
19 per 1,000 standard cubic feet.

20 “(2) **INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.**—In the case of
21 any taxable year beginning in a calendar year after
22 2007, there shall be substituted for the \$0.75
23 amount under paragraph (1) an amount equal to the
24 product of—

25 “(A) \$0.75, multiplied by

1 “(B) the inflation adjustment factor for
2 such calendar year determined under section
3 43(b)(3)(B) for such calendar year, determined
4 by substituting ‘2006’ for ‘1990’.

5 “(c) QUALIFIED CARBON DIOXIDE.—For purposes of
6 this section—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified carbon
8 dioxide’ means carbon dioxide captured from an an-
9 thropogenic source that—

10 “(A) would otherwise be released into the
11 atmosphere as industrial emission of green-
12 house gas,

13 “(B) is measurable at the source of cap-
14 ture,

15 “(C) is compressed, treated, and trans-
16 ported via pipeline,

17 “(D) is sold as a tertiary injectant in
18 qualified enhanced oil and natural gas recovery,
19 and

20 “(E) is permanently sequestered in geologi-
21 cal formations as a result of the enhanced oil
22 and natural gas recovery process.

23 “(2) ANTHROPOGENIC SOURCE.—An anthropo-
24 genic source of carbon dioxide is an industrial

1 source, including any of the following types of
2 plants, and facilities related to such plant—

3 “(A) a coal and natural gas fired electrical
4 generating power station,

5 “(B) a natural gas processing and treating
6 plant,

7 “(C) an ethanol plant,

8 “(D) a fertilizer plant, and

9 “(E) a chemical plant.

10 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—

11 “(A) QUALIFIED ENHANCED OIL AND NAT-
12 URAL GAS RECOVERY.—The term ‘qualified en-
13 hanced oil and natural gas recovery’ has the
14 meaning given such term by section 43(c)(2).

15 “(B) TERTIARY INJECTANT.—The term
16 ‘tertiary injectant’ has the same meaning as
17 when used within section 193(b)(1).

18 “(d) OTHER DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

19 For purposes of this section—

20 “(1) ONLY CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURED WITH-
21 IN THE UNITED STATES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—

22 Sales shall be taken into account under this section
23 only with respect to qualified carbon dioxide of
24 which is within—

1 “(A) the United States (within the mean-
2 ing of section 638(1)), or

3 “(B) a possession of the United States
4 (within the meaning of section 638(2)).

5 “(2) RECYCLED CARBON DIOXIDE.—The term
6 ‘qualified carbon dioxide’ includes the initial deposit
7 of captured carbon dioxide used as a tertiary
8 injectant. Such term does not include carbon dioxide
9 that is re-captured, recycled, and re-injected as part
10 of the enhanced oil and natural gas recovery process.

11 “(3) CREDIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO TAXPAYER.—
12 Any credit under this section shall be attributable to
13 the person that captures, treats, compresses, trans-
14 ports and sells the carbon dioxide for use as a ter-
15 tiary injectant in enhanced oil and natural gas re-
16 covery, except to the extent provided in regulations
17 prescribed by the Secretary.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 38(b) of
19 such Code (relating to general business credit), as amend-
20 ed by section 402, is amended by striking “plus” at the
21 end of paragraph (33), by striking the period at the end
22 of paragraph (34) and inserting “, plus”, and by adding
23 at the end of following new paragraph:

24 “(35) the captured carbon dioxide tertiary
25 injectant credit determined under section 45R(a).”.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 for subpart B of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1
3 of such Code (relating to other credits) is amended by add-
4 ing at the end the following new section:

“Sec. 45R. Credit for carbon dioxide captured from industrial sources and used
as a tertiary injectant in enhanced oil and natural gas recov-
ery.”

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 **Subtitle B—Termination of Con-**
9 **gressional Moratoria on Oil and**
10 **Gas Development on the Outer**
11 **Continental Shelf**

12 **SEC. 511. TERMINATION OF LAWS PROHIBITING EXPENDI-**
13 **TURES FOR OIL AND NATURAL GAS LEASING**
14 **AND PRELEASING ACTIVITIES REGARDING**
15 **AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**

16 All provisions of existing Federal law prohibiting the
17 spending of appropriated funds to conduct oil and natural
18 gas leasing and preleasing activities for any area of the
19 Outer Continental Shelf shall have no force or effect.

1 **Subtitle C—Oil and Gas Develop-**
2 **ment on the Coastal Plain of**
3 **Alaska**

4 **SEC. 521. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This subtitle may be cited as the “American-Made
6 Energy and Good Jobs Act”.

7 **SEC. 522. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this subtitle:

9 (1) **COASTAL PLAIN.**—The term “Coastal
10 Plain” means that area described in appendix I to
11 part 37 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

12 (2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary”, except
13 as otherwise provided, means the Secretary of the
14 Interior or the Secretary’s designee.

15 **SEC. 523. LEASING PROGRAM FOR LANDS WITHIN THE**
16 **COASTAL PLAIN.**

17 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall take such ac-
18 tions as are necessary—

19 (1) to establish and implement, in accordance
20 with this subtitle and acting through the Director of
21 the Bureau of Land Management in consultation
22 with the Director of the United States Fish and
23 Wildlife Service, a competitive oil and gas leasing
24 program that will result in an environmentally sound
25 program for the exploration, development, and pro-

1 duction of the oil and gas resources of the Coastal
2 Plain; and

3 (2) to administer the provisions of this subtitle
4 through regulations, lease terms, conditions, restric-
5 tions, prohibitions, stipulations, and other provisions
6 that ensure the oil and gas exploration, development,
7 and production activities on the Coastal Plain will
8 result in no significant adverse effect on fish and
9 wildlife, their habitat, subsistence resources, and the
10 environment, including, in furtherance of this goal,
11 by requiring the application of the best commercially
12 available technology for oil and gas exploration, de-
13 velopment, and production to all exploration, devel-
14 opment, and production operations under this sub-
15 title in a manner that ensures the receipt of fair
16 market value by the public for the mineral resources
17 to be leased.

18 (b) REPEAL.—

19 (1) REPEAL.—Section 1003 of the Alaska Na-
20 tional Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (16
21 U.S.C. 3143) is repealed.

22 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
23 contents in section 1 of such Act is amended by
24 striking the item relating to section 1003.

1 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS UNDER CER-
2 TAIN OTHER LAWS.—

3 (1) COMPATIBILITY.—For purposes of the Na-
4 tional Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of
5 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.), the oil and gas
6 leasing program and activities authorized by this
7 section in the Coastal Plain are deemed to be com-
8 patible with the purposes for which the Arctic Na-
9 tional Wildlife Refuge was established, and no fur-
10 ther findings or decisions are required to implement
11 this determination.

12 (2) ADEQUACY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
13 INTERIOR'S LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
14 STATEMENT.—The “Final Legislative Environ-
15 mental Impact Statement” (April 1987) on the
16 Coastal Plain prepared pursuant to section 1002 of
17 the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
18 Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 3142) and section 102(2)(C)
19 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
20 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)) is deemed to satisfy the re-
21 quirements under the National Environmental Policy
22 Act of 1969 that apply with respect to prelease ac-
23 tivities, including actions authorized to be taken by
24 the Secretary to develop and promulgate the regula-
25 tions for the establishment of a leasing program au-

1 thorized by this subtitle before the conduct of the
2 first lease sale.

3 (3) COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA FOR OTHER AC-
4 TIONS.—Before conducting the first lease sale under
5 this subtitle, the Secretary shall prepare an environ-
6 mental impact statement under the National Envi-
7 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to the ac-
8 tions authorized by this Act that are not referred to
9 in paragraph (2). Notwithstanding any other law,
10 the Secretary is not required to identify nonleasing
11 alternative courses of action or to analyze the envi-
12 ronmental effects of such courses of action. The Sec-
13 retary shall only identify a preferred action for such
14 leasing and a single leasing alternative, and analyze
15 the environmental effects and potential mitigation
16 measures for those two alternatives. The identifica-
17 tion of the preferred action and related analysis for
18 the first lease sale under this subtitle shall be com-
19 pleted within 18 months after the date of enactment
20 of this Act. The Secretary shall only consider public
21 comments that specifically address the Secretary's
22 preferred action and that are filed within 20 days
23 after publication of an environmental analysis. Not-
24 withstanding any other law, compliance with this
25 paragraph is deemed to satisfy all requirements for

1 the analysis and consideration of the environmental
2 effects of proposed leasing under this subtitle.

3 (d) RELATIONSHIP TO STATE AND LOCAL AUTHOR-
4 ITY.—Nothing in this subtitle shall be considered to ex-
5 pand or limit State and local regulatory authority.

6 (e) SPECIAL AREAS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, after con-
8 sultation with the State of Alaska, the city of
9 Kaktovik, and the North Slope Borough, may des-
10 ignate up to a total of 45,000 acres of the Coastal
11 Plain as a Special Area if the Secretary determines
12 that the Special Area is of such unique character
13 and interest so as to require special management
14 and regulatory protection. The Secretary shall des-
15 ignate as such a Special Area the Sadlerochit Spring
16 area, comprising approximately 4,000 acres.

17 (2) MANAGEMENT.—Each such Special Area
18 shall be managed so as to protect and preserve the
19 area's unique and diverse character including its
20 fish, wildlife, and subsistence resource values.

21 (3) EXCLUSION FROM LEASING OR SURFACE
22 OCCUPANCY.—The Secretary may exclude any Spe-
23 cial Area from leasing. If the Secretary leases a Spe-
24 cial Area, or any part thereof, for purposes of oil
25 and gas exploration, development, production, and

1 related activities, there shall be no surface occu-
2 pancy of the lands comprising the Special Area.

3 (4) DIRECTIONAL DRILLING.—Notwithstanding
4 the other provisions of this subsection, the Secretary
5 may lease all or a portion of a Special Area under
6 terms that permit the use of horizontal drilling tech-
7 nology from sites on leases located outside the Spe-
8 cial Area.

9 (f) LIMITATION ON CLOSED AREAS.—The Sec-
10 retary's sole authority to close lands within the Coastal
11 Plain to oil and gas leasing and to exploration, develop-
12 ment, and production is that set forth in this subtitle.

13 (g) REGULATIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pre-
15 scribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry
16 out this subtitle, including rules and regulations re-
17 lating to protection of the fish and wildlife, their
18 habitat, subsistence resources, and environment of
19 the Coastal Plain, by no later than 15 months after
20 the date of enactment of this Act.

21 (2) REVISION OF REGULATIONS.—The Sec-
22 retary shall periodically review and, if appropriate,
23 revise the rules and regulations issued under sub-
24 section (a) to reflect any significant biological, envi-

1 ronmental, or engineering data that come to the Sec-
2 retary's attention.

3 **SEC. 524. LEASE SALES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Lands may be leased pursuant to
5 this subtitle to any person qualified to obtain a lease for
6 deposits of oil and gas under the Mineral Leasing Act (30
7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

8 (b) **PROCEDURES.**—The Secretary shall, by regula-
9 tion, establish procedures for—

10 (1) receipt and consideration of sealed nomina-
11 tions for any area in the Coastal Plain for inclusion
12 in, or exclusion (as provided in subsection (c)) from,
13 a lease sale;

14 (2) the holding of lease sales after such nomina-
15 tion process; and

16 (3) public notice of and comment on designa-
17 tion of areas to be included in, or excluded from, a
18 lease sale.

19 (c) **LEASE SALE BIDS.**—Bidding for leases under
20 this subtitle shall be by sealed competitive cash bonus bids.

21 (d) **ACREAGE MINIMUM IN FIRST SALE.**—In the first
22 lease sale under this subtitle, the Secretary shall offer for
23 lease those tracts the Secretary considers to have the
24 greatest potential for the discovery of hydrocarbons, tak-

1 ing into consideration nominations received pursuant to
2 subsection (b)(1), but in no case less than 200,000 acres.

3 (e) **TIMING OF LEASE SALES.**—The Secretary
4 shall—

5 (1) conduct the first lease sale under this sub-
6 title within 22 months after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act; and

8 (2) conduct additional sales so long as sufficient
9 interest in development exists to warrant, in the Sec-
10 retary's judgment, the conduct of such sales.

11 **SEC. 525. GRANT OF LEASES BY THE SECRETARY.**

12 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may grant to the
13 highest responsible qualified bidder in a lease sale con-
14 ducted pursuant to section 524 any lands to be leased on
15 the Coastal Plain upon payment by the lessee of such
16 bonus as may be accepted by the Secretary.

17 (b) **SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS.**—No lease issued
18 under this subtitle may be sold, exchanged, assigned, sub-
19 let, or otherwise transferred except with the approval of
20 the Secretary. Prior to any such approval the Secretary
21 shall consult with, and give due consideration to the views
22 of, the Attorney General.

23 **SEC. 526. LEASE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

24 An oil or gas lease issued pursuant to this subtitle
25 shall—

1 (1) provide for the payment of a royalty of not
2 less than 12½ percent in amount or value of the
3 production removed or sold from the lease, as deter-
4 mined by the Secretary under the regulations appli-
5 cable to other Federal oil and gas leases;

6 (2) require that the lessee of lands within the
7 Coastal Plain shall be fully responsible and liable for
8 the reclamation of lands within the Coastal Plain
9 and any other Federal lands that are adversely af-
10 fected in connection with exploration, development,
11 production, or transportation activities conducted
12 under the lease and within the Coastal Plain by the
13 lessee or by any of the subcontractors or agents of
14 the lessee;

15 (3) provide that the lessee may not delegate or
16 convey, by contract or otherwise, the reclamation re-
17 sponsibility and liability to another person without
18 the express written approval of the Secretary;

19 (4) provide that the standard of reclamation for
20 lands required to be reclaimed under this subtitle
21 shall be, as nearly as practicable, a condition capable
22 of supporting the uses which the lands were capable
23 of supporting prior to any exploration, development,
24 or production activities, or upon application by the

1 lessee, to a higher or better use as approved by the
2 Secretary;

3 (5) include requirements and restrictions to
4 provide for reasonable protection of fish and wildlife,
5 their habitat, subsistence resources, and the environ-
6 ment as determined by the Secretary;

7 (6) prohibit the export of oil produced under
8 the lease; and

9 (7) contain such other provisions as the Sec-
10 retary determines necessary to ensure compliance
11 with the provisions of this subtitle and the regula-
12 tions issued under this subtitle.

13 **SEC. 527. COASTAL PLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.**

14 (a) **NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT STANDARD**
15 **TO GOVERN AUTHORIZED COASTAL PLAIN ACTIVITIES.—**

16 The Secretary shall, consistent with the requirements of
17 section 523, administer the provisions of this subtitle
18 through regulations, lease terms, conditions, restrictions,
19 prohibitions, stipulations, and other provisions that—

20 (1) ensure the oil and gas exploration, develop-
21 ment, and production activities on the Coastal Plain
22 will result in no significant adverse effect on fish
23 and wildlife, their habitat, and the environment;

24 (2) require the application of the best commer-
25 cially available technology for oil and gas explo-

1 ration, development, and production on all new ex-
2 ploration, development, and production operations;
3 and

4 (3) ensure that the maximum amount of sur-
5 face acreage covered by production and support fa-
6 cilities, including airstrips and any areas covered by
7 gravel berms or piers for support of pipelines, does
8 not exceed 2,000 acres on the Coastal Plain.

9 (b) SITE-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION.—

10 The Secretary shall also require, with respect to any pro-
11 posed drilling and related activities, that—

12 (1) a site-specific analysis be made of the prob-
13 able effects, if any, that the drilling or related activi-
14 ties will have on fish and wildlife, their habitat, sub-
15 sistence resources, and the environment;

16 (2) a plan be implemented to avoid, minimize,
17 and mitigate (in that order and to the extent prac-
18 ticable) any significant adverse effect identified
19 under paragraph (1); and

20 (3) the development of the plan shall occur
21 after consultation with the agency or agencies hav-
22 ing jurisdiction over matters mitigated by the plan.

23 (c) REGULATIONS TO PROTECT COASTAL PLAIN
24 FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES, SUBSISTENCE USERS,
25 AND THE ENVIRONMENT.—Before implementing the leas-

1 ing program authorized by this subtitle, the Secretary
2 shall prepare and promulgate regulations, lease terms,
3 conditions, restrictions, prohibitions, stipulations, and
4 other measures designed to ensure that the activities un-
5 dertaken on the Coastal Plain under this subtitle are con-
6 ducted in a manner consistent with the purposes and envi-
7 ronmental requirements of this subtitle.

8 (d) COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE ENVI-
9 RONMENTAL LAWS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—The
10 proposed regulations, lease terms, conditions, restrictions,
11 prohibitions, and stipulations for the leasing program
12 under this subtitle shall require compliance with all appli-
13 cable provisions of Federal and State environmental law,
14 and shall also require the following:

15 (1) Standards at least as effective as the safety
16 and environmental mitigation measures set forth in
17 items 1 through 29 at pages 167 through 169 of the
18 “Final Legislative Environmental Impact State-
19 ment” (April 1987) on the Coastal Plain.

20 (2) Seasonal limitations on exploration, develop-
21 ment, and related activities, where necessary, to
22 avoid significant adverse effects during periods of
23 concentrated fish and wildlife breeding, denning,
24 nesting, spawning, and migration.

1 (3) Design safety and construction standards
2 for all pipelines and any access and service roads,
3 that—

4 (A) minimize, to the maximum extent pos-
5 sible, adverse effects upon the passage of mi-
6 gratory species such as caribou; and

7 (B) minimize adverse effects upon the flow
8 of surface water by requiring the use of cul-
9 verts, bridges, and other structural devices.

10 (4) Prohibitions on general public access and
11 use on all pipeline access and service roads.

12 (5) Stringent reclamation and rehabilitation re-
13 quirements, consistent with the standards set forth
14 in this subtitle, requiring the removal from the
15 Coastal Plain of all oil and gas development and
16 production facilities, structures, and equipment upon
17 completion of oil and gas production operations, ex-
18 cept that the Secretary may exempt from the re-
19 quirements of this paragraph those facilities, struc-
20 tures, or equipment that the Secretary determines
21 would assist in the management of the Arctic Na-
22 tional Wildlife Refuge and that are donated to the
23 United States for that purpose.

24 (6) Appropriate prohibitions or restrictions on
25 access by all modes of transportation.

1 (7) Appropriate prohibitions or restrictions on
2 sand and gravel extraction.

3 (8) Consolidation of facility siting.

4 (9) Appropriate prohibitions or restrictions on
5 use of explosives.

6 (10) Avoidance, to the extent practicable, of
7 springs, streams, and river system; the protection of
8 natural surface drainage patterns, wetlands, and ri-
9 parian habitats; and the regulation of methods or
10 techniques for developing or transporting adequate
11 supplies of water for exploratory drilling.

12 (11) Avoidance or minimization of air traffic-re-
13 lated disturbance to fish and wildlife.

14 (12) Treatment and disposal of hazardous and
15 toxic wastes, solid wastes, reserve pit fluids, drilling
16 muds and cuttings, and domestic wastewater, includ-
17 ing an annual waste management report, a haz-
18 ardous materials tracking system, and a prohibition
19 on chlorinated solvents, in accordance with applica-
20 ble Federal and State environmental law.

21 (13) Fuel storage and oil spill contingency plan-
22 ning.

23 (14) Research, monitoring, and reporting re-
24 quirements.

25 (15) Field crew environmental briefings.

1 (16) Avoidance of significant adverse effects
2 upon subsistence hunting, fishing, and trapping by
3 subsistence users.

4 (17) Compliance with applicable air and water
5 quality standards.

6 (18) Appropriate seasonal and safety zone des-
7 ignations around well sites, within which subsistence
8 hunting and trapping shall be limited.

9 (19) Reasonable stipulations for protection of
10 cultural and archeological resources.

11 (20) All other protective environmental stipula-
12 tions, restrictions, terms, and conditions deemed
13 necessary by the Secretary.

14 (e) CONSIDERATIONS.—In preparing and promul-
15 gating regulations, lease terms, conditions, restrictions,
16 prohibitions, and stipulations under this section, the Sec-
17 retary shall consider the following:

18 (1) The stipulations and conditions that govern
19 the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska leasing pro-
20 gram, as set forth in the 1999 Northeast National
21 Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Final Integrated Activity
22 Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

23 (2) The environmental protection standards
24 that governed the initial Coastal Plain seismic explo-

1 ration program under parts 37.31 to 37.33 of title
2 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

3 (3) The land use stipulations for exploratory
4 drilling on the KIC-ASRC private lands that are set
5 forth in Appendix 2 of the August 9, 1983, agree-
6 ment between Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and
7 the United States.

8 (f) FACILITY CONSOLIDATION PLANNING.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, after
10 providing for public notice and comment, prepare
11 and update periodically a plan to govern, guide, and
12 direct the siting and construction of facilities for the
13 exploration, development, production, and transpor-
14 tation of Coastal Plain oil and gas resources.

15 (2) OBJECTIVES.—The plan shall have the fol-
16 lowing objectives:

17 (A) Avoiding unnecessary duplication of fa-
18 cilities and activities.

19 (B) Encouraging consolidation of common
20 facilities and activities.

21 (C) Locating or confining facilities and ac-
22 tivities to areas that will minimize impact on
23 fish and wildlife, their habitat, and the environ-
24 ment.

1 (D) Utilizing existing facilities wherever
2 practicable.

3 (E) Enhancing compatibility between wild-
4 life values and development activities.

5 (g) ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS.—The Secretary
6 shall—

7 (1) manage public lands in the Coastal Plain
8 subject to subsections (a) and (b) of section 811 of
9 the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation
10 Act (16 U.S.C. 3121); and

11 (2) ensure that local residents shall have rea-
12 sonable access to public lands in the Coastal Plain
13 for traditional uses.

14 **SEC. 528. EXPEDITED JUDICIAL REVIEW.**

15 (a) FILING OF COMPLAINT.—

16 (1) DEADLINE.—Subject to paragraph (2), any
17 complaint seeking judicial review of any provision of
18 this Act or any action of the Secretary under this
19 subtitle shall be filed—

20 (A) except as provided in subparagraph
21 (B), within the 90-day period beginning on the
22 date of the action being challenged; or

23 (B) in the case of a complaint based solely
24 on grounds arising after such period, within 90
25 days after the complainant knew or reasonably

1 should have known of the grounds for the com-
2 plaint.

3 (2) VENUE.—Any complaint seeking judicial re-
4 view of any provision of this subtitle or any action
5 of the Secretary under this subtitle may be filed only
6 in the United States Court of Appeals for the Dis-
7 trict of Columbia.

8 (3) LIMITATION ON SCOPE OF CERTAIN RE-
9 VIEW.—Judicial review of a Secretarial decision to
10 conduct a lease sale under this subtitle, including
11 the environmental analysis thereof, shall be limited
12 to whether the Secretary has complied with the
13 terms of this subtitle and shall be based upon the
14 administrative record of that decision. The Sec-
15 retary's identification of a preferred course of action
16 to enable leasing to proceed and the Secretary's
17 analysis of environmental effects under this subtitle
18 shall be presumed to be correct unless shown other-
19 wise by clear and convincing evidence to the con-
20 trary.

21 (b) LIMITATION ON OTHER REVIEW.—Actions of the
22 Secretary with respect to which review could have been
23 obtained under this section shall not be subject to judicial
24 review in any civil or criminal proceeding for enforcement.

1 **SEC. 529. FEDERAL AND STATE DISTRIBUTION OF REVE-**
2 **NUES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, of the amount of adjusted bonus, rental, and
5 royalty revenues from Federal oil and gas leasing and op-
6 erations authorized under this subtitle—

7 (1) 25 percent shall be paid to the State of
8 Alaska; and

9 (2) except as provided in section 532(d), the
10 balance shall be deposited into the Treasury as mis-
11 cellaneous receipts.

12 (b) **PAYMENTS TO ALASKA.**—Payments to the State
13 of Alaska under this section shall be made semiannually.

14 **SEC. 530. RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS THE COASTAL PLAIN.**

15 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall issue rights-
16 of-way and easements across the Coastal Plain for the
17 transportation of oil and gas—

18 (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), under
19 section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
20 185), without regard to title XI of the Alaska Na-
21 tional Interest Lands Conservation Act (30 U.S.C.
22 3161 et seq.); and

23 (2) under title XI of the Alaska National Inter-
24 est Lands Conservation Act (30 U.S.C. 3161 et
25 seq.), for access authorized by sections 1110 and
26 1111 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 3170 and 3171).

1 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall
2 include in any right-of-way or easement issued under sub-
3 section (a) such terms and conditions as may be necessary
4 to ensure that transportation of oil and gas does not result
5 in a significant adverse effect on the fish and wildlife, sub-
6 sistence resources, their habitat, and the environment of
7 the Coastal Plain, including requirements that facilities be
8 sited or designed so as to avoid unnecessary duplication
9 of roads and pipelines.

10 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall include in
11 regulations under section 423(g) provisions granting
12 rights-of-way and easements described in subsection (a)
13 of this section.

14 **SEC. 531. CONVEYANCE.**

15 In order to maximize Federal revenues by removing
16 clouds on title to lands and clarifying land ownership pat-
17 terns within the Coastal Plain, the Secretary, notwith-
18 standing the provisions of section 1302(h)(2) of the Alas-
19 ka National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.
20 3192(h)(2)), shall convey—

21 (1) to the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation the
22 surface estate of the lands described in paragraph 1
23 of Public Land Order 6959, to the extent necessary
24 to fulfill the Corporation's entitlement under sec-
25 tions 12 and 14 of the Alaska Native Claims Settle-

1 ment Act (43 U.S.C. 1611 and 1613) in accordance
2 with the terms and conditions of the Agreement be-
3 tween the Department of the Interior, the United
4 States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of
5 Land Management, and the Kaktovik Inupiat Cor-
6 poration effective January 22, 1993; and

7 (2) to the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
8 the remaining subsurface estate to which it is enti-
9 tled pursuant to the August 9, 1983, agreement be-
10 tween the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and the
11 United States of America.

12 **SEC. 532. LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT AID AND COMMU-**
13 **NITY SERVICE ASSISTANCE.**

14 (a) **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—**

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary may use
16 amounts available from the Coastal Plain Local Gov-
17 ernment Impact Aid Assistance Fund established by
18 subsection (d) to provide timely financial assistance
19 to entities that are eligible under paragraph (2) and
20 that are directly impacted by the exploration for or
21 production of oil and gas on the Coastal Plain under
22 this subtitle.

23 (2) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—**The North Slope
24 Borough, the City of Kaktovik, and any other bor-
25 rough, municipal subdivision, village, or other com-

1 munity in the State of Alaska that is directly im-
2 pacted by exploration for, or the production of, oil
3 or gas on the Coastal Plain under this Act, as deter-
4 mined by the Secretary, shall be eligible for financial
5 assistance under this section.

6 (b) USE OF ASSISTANCE.—Financial assistance
7 under this section may be used only for—

8 (1) planning for mitigation of the potential ef-
9 fects of oil and gas exploration and development on
10 environmental, social, cultural, recreational, and sub-
11 sistence values;

12 (2) implementing mitigation plans and main-
13 taining mitigation projects;

14 (3) developing, carrying out, and maintaining
15 projects and programs that provide new or expanded
16 public facilities and services to address needs and
17 problems associated with such effects, including fire-
18 fighting, police, water, waste treatment, medivac,
19 and medical services; and

20 (4) establishment of a coordination office, by
21 the north slope borough, in the City of Kaktovik,
22 which shall—

23 (A) coordinate with and advise developers
24 on local conditions, impact, and history of the
25 areas utilized for development; and

1 (B) provide to the Committee on Resources
2 of the House of Representatives and the Com-
3 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
4 Senate an annual report on the status of co-
5 ordination between developers and the commu-
6 nities affected by development.

7 (c) APPLICATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any community that is eligi-
9 ble for assistance under this section may submit an
10 application for such assistance to the Secretary, in
11 such form and under such procedures as the Sec-
12 retary may prescribe by regulation.

13 (2) NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH COMMUNITIES.—A
14 community located in the North Slope Borough may
15 apply for assistance under this section either directly
16 to the Secretary or through the North Slope Bor-
17 ough

18 (3) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
19 shall work closely with and assist the North Slope
20 Borough and other communities eligible for assist-
21 ance under this section in developing and submitting
22 applications for assistance under this section.

23 (d) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
2 Treasury the Coastal Plain Local Government Im-
3 pact Aid Assistance Fund.

4 (2) USE.—Amounts in the fund may be used
5 only for providing financial assistance under this
6 section.

7 (3) DEPOSITS.—Subject to paragraph (4), there
8 shall be deposited into the fund amounts received by
9 the United States as revenues derived from rents,
10 bonuses, and royalties from Federal leases and lease
11 sales authorized under this subtitle.

12 (4) LIMITATION ON DEPOSITS.—The total
13 amount in the fund may not exceed \$11,000,000.

14 (5) INVESTMENT OF BALANCES.—The Sec-
15 retary of the Treasury shall invest amounts in the
16 fund in interest bearing government securities.

17 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To pro-
18 vide financial assistance under this section there is author-
19 ized to be appropriated to the Secretary from the Coastal
20 Plain Local Government Impact Aid Assistance Fund
21 \$5,000,000 for each fiscal year.

