

Public Law 110–232  
110th Congress

An Act

To suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and  
for other purposes.

May 19, 2008

[H.R. 6022]

*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 “Strategic Petroleum Reserve  
Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act of 2008”.

Strategic  
Petroleum  
Reserve Fill  
Suspension and  
Consumer  
Protection Act  
of 2008.

**SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF PETROLEUM ACQUISITION FOR STRATEGIC  
PETROLEUM RESERVE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subsection (b) and  
notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the period begin-  
ning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on December  
31, 2008—

Time period.

(1) the Secretary of the Interior shall suspend acquisition  
of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through the  
royalty-in-kind program; and

(2) the Secretary of Energy shall suspend acquisition of  
petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through any  
acquisition method.

(b) **RESUMPTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2008.**—During the period  
specified in subsection (a) but not earlier than 30 days after the  
date on which the President notifies Congress that the President  
has determined that the weighted average price of petroleum in  
the United States for the most recent 90-day period is \$75 or  
less per barrel—

Deadline.  
President.  
Notification.

(1) the Secretary of the Interior may resume acquisition  
of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through the  
royalty-in-kind program; and

(2) the Secretary of Energy may resume acquisition of  
petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through any  
acquisition method.

(c) **EXISTING CONTRACTS.**—

(1) **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR CONTRACTS.**—In the case  
of any royalty-in-kind oil scheduled to be delivered to the  
Department of Energy for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve  
pursuant to a contract entered into by the Secretary of Interior  
prior to, and in effect on, the date of enactment of this Act,  
the Secretary of Energy shall accept delivery of such oil.

(2) **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CONTRACTS.**—In the case of  
any oil scheduled to be delivered to the Strategic Petroleum  
Reserve pursuant to a contract entered into by the Secretary  
of Energy prior to, and in effect on, the date of enactment

of this Act, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, negotiate a deferral of the delivery of the oil in accordance with procedures of the Department of Energy in effect on the date of enactment of this Act for deferrals of oil.

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