

# HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

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## Bill Status

HJM025.....by WAYS AND MEANS

OFFSHORE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT - Stating findings of the Legislature and encouraging the President of the United States of America to revoke administrative withdrawals on offshore energy development on the nation's

Outer Continental Shelf and direct the Minerals Management Service to contract for test wells to be drilled in order to provide needed energy

resources to the United States in an environmentally responsible manner;

and encouraging the Congress of the United States of America to make the

nation's Outer Continental Shelf available for energy development in an

environmentally responsible manner.

03/22 House intro - 1st rdg - to printing

03/23 Rpt prt - to 2nd rdg

03/24 2nd rdg - to 3rd rdg

03/27 3rd rdg - ADOPTED - voice vote

Floor Sponsor - Raybould

Title apvd - to Senate

03/28 Senate intro - 1st rdg - to Res/Env  
 03/30 Rpt out - rec d/p - to 10th Ord  
 04/03 10th Ord - ADOPTED - 26-7-2  
 AYES -- Andreason, Brandt, Broadsword, Bunderson, Burtenshaw,  
 Cameron, Coiner, Compton, Corder, Darrington, Davis, Fulcher,  
 Geddes,  
 Goedde, Hill, Jorgenson, Keough, Little, Lodge, McGee, McKenzie,  
 Pearce, Richardson, Schroeder, Stegner, Williams  
 NAYS -- Burkett, Kelly, Langhorst, Malepeai, Marley, Stennett,  
 Werk  
 Absent and excused -- Gannon, Sweet  
 Floor Sponsor - Brandt  
 Title apvd - to House  
 04/04 To enrol - Rpt enrol - Sp signed - Pres signed  
 To Secretary of State

## Bill Text

|||| LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO ||||  
 Fifty-eighth Legislature Second Regular Session -  
 2006

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 25

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL  
 2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE  
 OF REPRESENTA-  
 3 TIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, TO  
 THE CONGRESSIONAL  
 4 DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS  
 OF THE UNITED  
 5 STATES, AND TO THE UNITED STATES SECRETARIES OF THE  
 INTERIOR AND OF  
 6 ENERGY.

7           We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and  
the Senate of the  
8       State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of  
the Fifty-eighth  
9       Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

10           WHEREAS, policies of the federal government have placed  
much of the Outer  
11       Continental Shelf off-limits to oil and natural gas  
production; and

12           WHEREAS, development of oil and natural gas resources,  
where allowed off  
13       our shore, has coexisted for decades with recreational and  
commercial activi-

14       ties while benefitting the entire nation; and

15           WHEREAS, America's increased dependence on foreign  
energy supplies and  
16       global competition for oil and natural gas will create a  
threat to our  
17       national security; and

18           WHEREAS, since 2000, natural gas and oil prices have  
more than doubled;

19       and

20           WHEREAS, rising energy costs are taking a toll on poor  
families throughout

21       the nation and, in a recent annual survey by the National  
Energy Assistance

22       Directors' Association, 32% of families had to sacrifice  
medical care, 24%

23       failed to make their rent or mortgage payment, 20% were  
without food for at

24       least a day, and 44% skipped paying or paid less than their  
home energy bill

25       in the past year; and

26           WHEREAS, the nation's farming and ranching sectors depend  
on a reliable

27       and affordable supply of energy to run equipment, fertilize  
crops, and trans-

28       port products to market; and

29           WHEREAS, the Economic Research Service of the United  
States Department of

30       Agriculture estimates that farmers' fuel expenses for 2005

exceeded their 2004

31 fuel expenses by 37%, and higher energy prices mean increased costs to farmers

32 and ranchers, who already face tremendous economic challenges; and

33 WHEREAS, in spite of significant progress in energy efficiency, the United

34 States will still need 32% more energy to support economic growth by 2025; and

35 WHEREAS, inland states throughout the west are doing more to increase

36 domestic energy production, and the public lands that lie off our nation's

37 coasts also hold enormous potential for energy production, which could signif-

38 icantly help to meet the energy needs of all Americans.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-

40 sion of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and

41 the Senate concurring therein, that we encourage the President of the United

42 States of America, the Honorable George W. Bush, to revoke administrative

43 withdrawals on offshore energy development on the nation's Outer Continental

44 Shelf and direct the Minerals Management Service to contract for test wells to

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1 be drilled in order to provide needed energy resources to the United States in

2 an environmentally responsible manner.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage the Congress of the United

4 States of America to make the nation's Outer Continental Shelf available for

5 energy development in an environmentally responsible manner.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-

7 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this

8 Memorial to the President of the United States of America,  
the President of  
9 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
of Congress, the  
10 congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in  
the Congress of  
11 the United States, and the United States Secretaries of the  
Interior and of  
12 Energy.

## Statement of Purpose / Fiscal Impact

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS 16268

The purpose of this legislation is to encourage the President of the United States to revoke administrative withdrawals on offshore development on the nation's Outer Continental Shelf and direct the Minerals Management Service to contract for test wells to be drilled to provide needed energy resources to the United States in an environmentally-responsible manner.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

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