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S. 3308

To suspend certain activities in the outer Continental Shelf until the date on which the joint investigation into the Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico has been completed, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5, 2010

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REED, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEEPWATER HORIZON INCIDENT INVESTIGA-**
4 **TION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until the date described in sub-
6 section (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall suspend—

7 (1) all activities relating to the development of
8 a new or revised 5-year plan for the outer Conti-

1 mental Shelf under section 18 of the Outer Conti-
2 mental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1344);

3 (2) any new exploration, development, and pro-
4 duction activities in the outer Continental Shelf, in-
5 cluding the conduct of seismic and other geological
6 and geophysical surveys; and

7 (3) any exploration or development activities
8 that have commenced before the date of enactment
9 of this Act, unless the Secretary of the Interior cer-
10 tifies that the activities pose no significant risk of
11 accident.

12 (b) DATE.—The date referred to in subsection (a) is
13 the date on which—

14 (1) the joint investigation conducted by the Sec-
15 retary of the Interior and the Secretary of Home-
16 land Security with respect to the Deepwater Horizon
17 incident in the Gulf of Mexico has been completed
18 in accordance with the joint statement of principles
19 and convening order entitled “Joint Department of
20 the Interior and Department of Homeland Security
21 Statement of Principles and Convening Order Re-
22 garding Investigation into the Marine Casualty, Ex-
23 plosion, Fire, Pollution, and Sinking of Mobile Off-
24 shore Drilling Unit Deepwater Horizon, With Loss

1 of Life in the Gulf of Mexico 21–22 April 2010”;
2 and

3 (2) a final report identifying methods to pre-
4 vent future incidents in the outer Continental Shelf
5 has been completed in accordance with the joint
6 statement described in paragraph (1).

7 (c) EFFECT.—Nothing in this Act affects production
8 activities that have commenced before the date of enact-
9 ment of this Act.

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