

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To limit the moratorium on certain permitting and drilling activities issued by the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. LIMITATION ON MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN**
4 **PERMITTING AND DRILLING ACTIVITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The moratorium set forth in the
6 decision memorandum of the Secretary of the Interior en-
7 titled “Decision memorandum regarding the suspension of
8 certain offshore permitting and drilling activities on the
9 Outer Continental Shelf” and dated July 12, 2010, and
10 any suspension of operations issued in connection with the

1 moratorium, shall not apply to an applicant for a permit
2 to drill if the Secretary determines that the applicant—

3 (1) has complied with the notice entitled “Na-
4 tional Notice to Lessees and Operators of Federal
5 Oil and Gas Leases, Outer Continental Shelf
6 (OCS)” dated June 8, 2010 (NTL No. 2010–N05)
7 and the notice entitled “National Notice to Lessees
8 and Operators of Federal Oil and Gas Leases, Outer
9 Continental Shelf (OCS)” dated June 18, 2010
10 (NTL No. 2010–N06); and

11 (2) has completed all required safety inspec-
12 tions.

13 (b) DETERMINATION ON PERMIT.—Not later than 30
14 days after the date on which the Secretary makes a deter-
15 mination that an applicant has complied with paragraphs
16 (1) and (2) of subsection (a), the Secretary shall make
17 a determination on whether to issue the permit.