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H. R. 6297

To prohibit a drawdown and sale of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve if the President has withdrawn certain land from oil and gas leasing, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2021

Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. PERRY, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. GIBBS, and Mr. COLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strategically Lowering
5 Gas Prices Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DRAWDOWN AND SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.**

2 Section 161 of the Energy Policy and Conservation
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 6241) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(k) EFFECT OF WITHDRAWAL OF LANDS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-
7 sections (d) and (h), the Secretary may not draw
8 down and sell petroleum products pursuant to a
9 finding made by a President under this section if
10 that President, as determined by the Secretary of
11 the Interior, has withdrawn land that is subject to
12 disposition under any of the mineral leasing laws
13 from oil and gas leasing.

14 “(2) WITHDRAWAL BY STATUTE.—For pur-
15 poses of paragraph (1), a withdrawal of land from
16 oil and gas leasing provided by statute shall not be
17 considered a withdrawal by the President.

18 “(3) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
19 apply with respect to a drawdown and sale that is
20 required by a severe energy supply interruption that
21 is caused by an act of sabotage, an act of terrorism,
22 or an act of God.”.

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