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Mr. BURGESS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON MORATORIA OF NEW OIL AND  
4 GAS LEASES ON CERTAIN FEDERAL LAND.

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Federal  
8 land” means—

9 (i) National Forest System land;

1 (ii) public lands (as defined in section  
2 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
3 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702));  
4 and

5 (iii) the outer Continental Shelf (as  
6 defined in section 2 of the Outer Conti-  
7 nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331)).

8 (B) INCLUSION.—The term “Federal  
9 land” includes any interest in land described in  
10 clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (A) that  
11 is owned by the United States.

12 (C) EXCLUSION.—The term “Federal  
13 land” does not include—

14 (i) a unit of the National Park Sys-  
15 tem; or

16 (ii) a unit of the National Wildlife  
17 Refuge System (other than a unit of the  
18 National Wildlife Refuge System for which  
19 oil and gas drilling is allowed under law).

20 (2) PRESIDENT.—The term “President” means  
21 the President or any designee.

22 (b) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
23 sion of law, the President—

1           (1) shall immediately and without delay hold  
2       Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas lease sales;  
3       and

4           (2) shall not carry out any action that would  
5       prohibit or delay the issuance of oil or gas leases,  
6       permits, approvals, or authorizations on Federal  
7       land, unless such an action has been authorized by  
8       an Act of Congress.

9   **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF CERTAIN ENERGY POLICIES RELAT-**  
10                   **ING TO OIL AND NATURAL GAS DEVELOP-**  
11                   **MENT.**

12       Section 208 of Executive Order 14008 (42 U.S.C.  
13   4321 note; relating to tackling the climate crisis at home  
14   and abroad) is rescinded and shall have no force or effect.

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