

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To improve the bill.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 4227**

To streamline the oil and gas permitting process and to recognize fee ownership for certain oil and gas drilling or spacing units, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Viz:

- 1 Beginning on page 1, strike line 4 and all that follows
- 2 through page 2, line 2, and insert the following:
- 3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the Mineral
- 4 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the Federal Oil and
- 5 Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701
- 6 et seq.), or subpart 3162 of title 43, Code of Federal Reg-
- 7 ulations (or successor regulations), but subject to any
- 8 State or Tribal requirements and subsection (c), the Sec-
- 9 retary of the Interior shall not require a permit to drill
- 10 for an oil and gas lease under the Mineral Leasing Act
- 11 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) for an action occurring within an
- 12 oil and gas drilling or spacing unit if—

1       On page 2, strike lines 9 through 18 and insert the  
2 following:

3       (b) NOTIFICATION.—For each State permit to drill  
4 or drilling plan that would impact or extract oil and gas  
5 owned by the Federal Government—

6           (1) each lessee, or designee of a lessee, shall—

7               (A) notify the Secretary of the Interior of  
8 the submission of a State application for a per-  
9 mit to drill or drilling plan on submission of the  
10 application; and

11               (B) provide a copy of the application de-  
12 scribed in subparagraph (A) to the Secretary of  
13 the Interior not later than 5 days after the date  
14 on which the permit or plan is submitted; and

15           (2) each lessee, designee of a lessee, or applica-  
16 ble State shall notify the Secretary of the Interior of  
17 the approved State permit to drill or drilling plan  
18 not later than 45 days after the date on which the  
19 permit or plan is approved.

20       (c) NONAPPLICABILITY TO INDIAN LANDS.—Sub-  
21 section (a) shall not apply to Indian lands (as defined in  
22 section 3 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management  
23 Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1702)).

24       (d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects—

- 1           (1) other authorities of the Secretary of the In-  
2           terior under the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Man-  
3           agement Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or  
4           (2) the amount of royalties due to the Federal  
5           Government from the production of the Federal min-  
6           erals within the oil and gas drilling or spacing unit.