

Hoeven #41 (as modified)<sup>S.L.C.</sup>

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

Purpose: To require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a pilot program relating to streamlining review and approval of applications for permits to drill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.

(no.) \_\_\_\_\_

To provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

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

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by \_\_\_\_\_

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

2 **SEC. 31 \_\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of the Interior,

4 acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-

5 agement (referred to in this section as the “Director”),

6 shall establish a pilot program in 1 State with at least

7 2,000 oil and gas drilling spacing units (as defined under

8 State law), in which—

9 (1) 25 percent or less of the minerals are owned

10 or held in trust by the Federal Government; and

1           (2) there is no surface land owned or held in  
2           trust by the Federal Government.

3           (b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pilot program,  
4 the Director shall identify and implement ways to stream-  
5 line the review and approval of Applications for Permits  
6 to Drill for oil and gas drilling spacing units of the State  
7 in order to achieve a processing time for those oil and gas  
8 drilling spacing units similar to that of spacing units that  
9 require an Application for Permit to Drill and are not part  
10 of the pilot program in the same State.

11          (c) FUNDING.—Beginning in fiscal year 2016, and  
12 for a period of 3 years thereafter, to carry out the pilot  
13 program efficiently, the Director may fund up to 10 full-  
14 time equivalents at appropriate field offices using fees col-  
15 lected under section 35(d) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
16 U.S.C. 191(d)) and not otherwise expended.

17          (d) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date  
18 of enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to Con-  
19 gress a report on the results of the pilot program.

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Secretary
(e) The <sup>^</sup> Director of the Pilot
<del>Project established by this section</del>
may waive the requirement for
an A-P-D- if the Director
determines that the mineral
interest of the United States in
the spacing units in lands covered
by this section are adequately
protected, <sup>if otherwise</sup> in accordance
with applicable <del>laws,</del>
regulations, and lease
terms.

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