

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 544

To prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. WELCH, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SOTO, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Stop Arctic Ocean  
5 Drilling Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN ARCTIC**  
2 **OCEAN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**  
3 **SHELF.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act  
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the  
6 following:

7 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN  
8 ARCTIC PLANNING AREA OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL  
9 SHELF.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act  
10 or any other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not  
11 issue or renew a lease or any other authorization for the  
12 exploration, development, or production of oil, natural gas,  
13 or any other mineral in the Arctic Ocean, including the  
14 Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas.”.

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