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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in the Southern California planning area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEVIN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “American Coasts and
5 Oceans Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN THE**
2 **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA.**

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

6 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN THE
7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANNING AREA.—Notwith-
8 standing any other provision of this section or any other
9 law, the Secretary of the Interior may not issue a lease
10 for the exploration, development, or production of oil or
11 natural gas in the Southern California planning area, as
12 such planning area is described in the document entitled
13 ‘2019–2024 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Draft
14 Proposed Program’, dated January 2018, or a subsequent
15 oil and gas leasing program developed under section 18
16 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
17 1344).”.