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House Passes Bipartisan Bill to Boost American Energy Production and Job Creation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 4480, the Domestic Energy and Jobs Act, with a bipartisan vote of 248-163. This bipartisan package of bills will expand American energy production on federal lands and create new American jobs by streamlining government red-tape and regulations. It will also set long term production goals to establish a real all-of-the-above American energy plan.

“For three and a half years, the Obama Administration has actively prevented the creation of untold numbers of new jobs by blocking access to new American energy production. Costly litigation, endless red-tape and burdensome bureaucratic processes are often the biggest obstacles to energy production and job creation. This bill establishes an efficient and effective process to responsibly produce both renewable and conventional energy on our federal lands,” **said Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings.** *“House Republicans have already passed multiple American energy production bills this Congress including bills to open offshore areas with the most oil and natural gas to energy production, unlock the billions of barrels in ANWR, and develop the trillion barrels of oil in the form oil shale in the Rocky Mountain West. These common sense job-creating measures deserve immediate action in the U.S. Senate and should be supported by anyone who wants to create jobs and make America more energy secure.”*

The [Domestic Energy and Jobs Act](#) includes the following five bipartisan Natural Resources Committee bills:

- [H.R. 2150](#) (Hastings, WA-04), *National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act*. This bill cuts through bureaucratic red tape to unlock the full potential of energy resources in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) by ensuring that oil and natural gas are developed and transported in a timely and efficient manner.
- [H.R. 2752](#) (Johnson, OH-06), *BLM Live Internet Auctions Act*. This bill gives the Secretary of the Interior the authority to conduct Internet-based auctions for onshore leases to ensure the best return to the Federal taxpayer, reduce fraud, and secure the leasing process.
- [H.R. 4381](#) (Tipton, CO-03), *Planning for American Energy Act*. This bill establishes common sense steps to create an all-of-the-above American energy plan for using

federal lands to meet our Nation's energy needs.

- [H.R. 4382](#) (Coffman, CO-06), *Providing Leasing Certainty for American Energy Act*. This bill makes reforms to the leasing process for onshore oil and natural gas projects on federal land in order to eliminate unnecessary government delays and hurdles.
- [H.R. 4383](#) (Lamborn, CO-05), *Streamlining Permitting of American Energy Act*. This bill reforms the process for energy permitting, once a lease is in hand, to encourage the timely development of our federal onshore oil, natural gas, and renewable resources.

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