

Graves #5

**Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 2021  
Offered by Mr. Graves of Louisiana**

Strike Section 28 and insert the following—

**“SEC. 28. OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES.**

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct all oil and gas lease sales described in the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (November 2016), developed under section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act ([43 U.S.C. 1344](#)), that have not been conducted as of the date of enactment of this Act by not later than December 31, 2022, including lease sales 258, 259, and 261.

“(b) **LEASE SALE 257.**—

“(1) **COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA.**—The final environmental impact statement for lease sale 257 shall be considered to meet the requirements related to detailed statements under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ([42 U.S.C. 4332\(2\)\(C\)](#)) for such lease sale.

“(2) **DEADLINE TO ISSUE LEASES.**—Notwithstanding any outstanding actions to complete bid adequacy review procedures, the Secretary of the Interior shall issue the leases won on November 17, 2021, under lease sale 257 not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section.

“(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

“(1) **FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LEASE SALE 257.**—The term ‘final environmental impact statement for lease sale 257’ means the final environmental impact statement that is the subject of the notice of availability of a final environmental impact statement titled ‘Final Environmental Impact Statement for Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico, 2017–2022 Oil and Gas Lease Sales 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 256, 257, 259, and 261’ and published by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on March 10, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 13363).

“(2) **LEASE SALE 257.**—The term ‘lease sale 257’ means the lease sale 257 that is the subject of the final notice of sale titled ‘Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 257’ and published by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on October 4, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 54728).”