

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3846

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require payment to counties of a portion of certain revenues received by the United States under Federal oil and gas leases, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Providing Opportunity
5 With Energy Revenues in Counties Act” or the “POWER
6 Counties Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT TO COUNTIES OF PORTION OF CERTAIN**
2 **REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE UNITED**
3 **STATES UNDER FEDERAL OIL AND GAS**
4 **LEASES.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 35(a) of the Mineral
6 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(a)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “40 per centum” and inserting
8 “20 per centum”; and

9 (2) by inserting “, and 20 per centum thereof
10 shall be paid to the county within the boundaries of
11 which the leased lands or deposits are or were lo-
12 cated and may be used by such county for its
13 schools and roads” after “June 17, 1902”.

14 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 35(a) of
15 the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(a)) is amended
16 by striking “and the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970,”.

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