

The Senate Natural Resources and the Environment Committee offered the following substitute to SR 859:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Minerals Management Service of the United States Department of the Interior to  
2 include all outer continental shelf planning areas in its proposed five-year plan for 2010  
3 through 2015 and to approve the broadest possible five-year plan for offshore development;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the outer continental shelf is home to wide areas of recreational and commercial  
6 activities, as well as some of the nation's most fertile areas of oil and natural gas production,  
7 while also offering the largest area available in the eastern United States for the large-scale  
8 production of wind energy; and

9 WHEREAS, the development of oil and natural gas resources where allowed off our shores  
10 has coexisted for decades with these other activities while benefiting coastal residents and  
11 noncoastal Americans alike; and

12 WHEREAS, offshore development of oil and natural gas has provided needed supplies of  
13 American energy and substantial local, state, and federal revenues; and

14 WHEREAS, offshore development of wind energy resources has proven highly successful  
15 in many areas of the world; and

16 WHEREAS, the offshore oil and natural gas industry and the wind power industry provide  
17 thousands of jobs and are important sources of economic development; and

18 WHEREAS, offshore oil and natural gas production operations and wind energy production  
19 have a long history of environmentally sensitive and safe performance, and other federal  
20 Atlantic outer continental shelf areas, such as those offshore of Virginia, the Carolinas, and  
21 Georgia, should also be studied for their resource potential; and

22 WHEREAS, today, areas of the outer continental shelf offer some of the greatest potential  
23 for American energy resources, including the Sale 181 area, the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, and  
24 the area known as the North Aleutian Basin.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 join in urging the Minerals Management Service of the United States Department of the  
27 Interior to include all outer continental shelf planning areas in its proposed five-year plan for  
28 2010 through 2015 and to approve the broadest possible five-year plan for offshore  
29 development and to enact regulations that provide for sharing public revenues generated from  
30 these offshore energy policies with coastal states.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the United States Secretaries of  
33 Commerce, the Interior, and Energy and to the administrators of the Minerals Management  
34 Service, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
35 Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency.