

## Union Calendar No. 579

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7831

[Report No. 119-665]

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2026

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

MAY 20, 2026

Additional sponsors: Ms. MALOY, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mrs. BICE

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “License to Drill Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. BLM OIL AND GAS PERMIT PROCESSING FEE.**

6        Section 35(d) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.  
7 191(d)) is amended—

8            (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2026” and  
9        inserting “2037”;

10          (2) in paragraph (3)—

11            (A) by striking “Of the fees collected  
12        under this subsection for a fiscal year, the” and  
13        inserting “The”; and

14            (B) by striking “transfer—” and all that  
15        follows through “the Fund” and inserting  
16        “transfer, for each of fiscal years 2027 through  
17        2037, all of the fees collected under this sub-  
18        section for each such fiscal year to the BLM  
19        Permit Processing Improvement Fund”; and

20          (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “2026” and  
21        inserting “2037”.

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