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To nullify the decision and order of the Endangered Species Committee with respect to certain oil and gas activities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2026

Mr. BEYER (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. FROST, Mr. SOTO, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mrs. DINGELL) 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. NULLIFICATION OF DECISION AND ORDER OF**
4 **ENDANGERED SPECIES COMMITTEE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The decision and order of the En-
6 dangered Species Committee issued on March 31, 2026,
7 and described in the Notice shall have no force or effect
8 and no Federal funds may be obligated or expended to
9 implement, administer, or enforce such decision or order.

1 (b) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON REISSUANCE.—
2 Notwithstanding any provision of the Endangered Species
3 Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), during the 3-year
4 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this sec-
5 tion, the Endangered Species Committee may not issue
6 pursuant to section 7 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 1536) any
7 decision or order exempting the Gulf of America Oil and
8 Gas Activities or any portion thereof from any of the re-
9 quirements of that Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

10 (c) CONTINUED APPLICATION OF ENDANGERED SPE-
11 CIES ACT OF 1973 REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to the
12 Gulf of America Oil and Gas Activities, the requirements
13 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531
14 et seq.) in effect on March 30, 2026, shall have full force
15 and effect.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) COVERED AGENCIES.—The term “covered
18 agencies” means the—

19 (A) Office of the Secretary of the Depart-
20 ment of the Interior;

21 (B) Department of the Army;

22 (C) Environmental Protection Agency;

23 (D) Department of Agriculture;

24 (E) Council of Economic Advisors of the
25 Executive Office of the President; and

1 (F) Department of Commerce.

2 (2) ENDANGERED SPECIES COMMITTEE.—The
3 term “Endangered Species Committee” means the
4 Endangered Species Committee established by sec-
5 tion 7(e)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973
6 (16 U.S.C. 1536(e)(1)).

7 (3) GULF OF AMERICA OIL AND GAS ACTIVI-
8 TIES.—The term “Gulf of America Oil and Gas Ac-
9 tivities” means Gulf of America Oil and Gas Activi-
10 ties as that term is used in the Notice.

11 (4) NOTICE.—The term “Notice” means the
12 Notice published by the covered agencies titled “En-
13 dangered Species Committee” (91 Fed. Reg. 16966;
14 April 3, 2026).

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