

Public Law 99-413
99th Congress

An Act

Aug. 29, 1986
[H.R. 4843]

To provide for a minimum price and an alternative production rate for petroleum produced from the naval petroleum reserves, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PRODUCTION RATE AND MINIMUM PRICE FOR NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES.

(a) **RATE OF PRODUCTION.**—(1) Section 7422(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking out subparagraph (B) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(B) to produce, during any extension of a period under paragraph (2), such reserves—

“(i) at the maximum efficient rate consistent with sound engineering practices; or

“(ii) at a lesser rate consistent with sound engineering practices and the protection, conservation, maintenance, and testing of such reserves if the Secretary determines that the minimum price described in section 7430(b)(2) of this title cannot be attained for the United States share of petroleum produced from such Reserves;”.

(2) Section 7422(c) of such title is amended by striking out paragraph (3).

(b) **MINIMUM PRICE.**—Section 7430(b) of such title is amended—

(1) by striking out “(b) Notwithstanding” and inserting in lieu thereof “(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and notwithstanding”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following paragraph:

“(2) The Secretary may not sell any part of the United States share of petroleum produced from Naval Petroleum Reserves Numbered 1, 2, and 3 at a price less than the higher of—

“(A) 90 percent of the current sales price, as estimated by the Secretary, of comparable petroleum in the same area; or

“(B) the price of petroleum being purchased for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, minus the cost of transporting petroleum from the naval petroleum reserve concerned to the nearest storage area of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, with adjustments for the difference in the quality of the petroleum being

purchased for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and petroleum being produced from the naval petroleum reserve concerned.”.

(c) NOTICE PERIOD.—Section 7430(g)(2) of such title is amended by striking out “30 days” and “30-day” and inserting in lieu thereof “15 days” and “15-day”, respectively.

10 USC 7430.

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Whereas a fundamental principle of the American system of government is that the people of the United States should participate in the government process; and whereas the people of the United States, in order to participate effectively in the government process, require free access to information about the activities and decisions of Federal agencies; and whereas section 552 of title 5, United States Code, commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act, provides the people of the United States with free access to such information; and whereas the Freedom of Information Act became law in 1968, and 1980 is the 12th anniversary of the Act; and whereas the commitment of the Freedom of Information Act should include efforts to educate the people of the United States with respect to the substance and principles of the Act; and whereas such efforts should be made by schools in the United States; and whereas the week beginning September 7 is the week in which many students begin the academic year; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week beginning September 7, 1986, is designated “Federal Freedom of Information Act Awareness Week”, and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon Federal, State, and local government officials and the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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- CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 132 (1986):
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