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To ban hydraulic fracturing on land owned by the United States and leased to a third party, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Pocan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________________________

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 “Protect Our Public
5 Lands Act”.

6 SEC. 2. PROHIBITING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING UNDER

7 FEDERAL LEASES.

8 The Mineral Leasing Act is amended by inserting
9 after section 37 (30 U.S.C. 193) the following:
“SEC. 38. NO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ON LEASED LAND.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Any lease issued, renewed, or re-adjusted under this Act shall prohibit the lessee from conducting any activity under the lease for the purpose of hydraulic fracturing.

“(b) DEFINITION OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.—In this section, the term ‘hydraulic fracturing’ means an operation conducted in an individual wellbore designed to increase the flow of hydrocarbons from a rock formation to the wellbore through modifying the permeability of reservoir rock by fracturing it, except that such term does not include enhanced secondary recovery, including water flooding, tertiary recovery, and other types of well stimulation operations.”.

SEC. 3. APPLICATION.

The amendment made by section 2 shall not apply to a lease in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act until the renewal or adjustment of the lease.