

WALK ON # 5

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. 20051597

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE: Please consider adoption of the attached resolution opposing oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Florida.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Resolution will be sent to the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

4. Departmental Category: **WO # 5**

5. Meeting Date: **11-01-2005**

6. Agenda:
 Consent
 Administrative
 Appeals
 Public
 Walk-On

7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)
 Statute
 Ordinance
 Admin. Code
 Other

8. Request Initiated:
Commissioner Ray Judah, Dist. 3
Department _____
Division _____
By: Ray Judah

9. Background:
County Administration was requested to present the attached resolution to be sent to the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives that will soon be voting on the issue.

10. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
				<u>Quinn</u>	Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mer.	<u>HS 10/31/05</u>
				<u>Case</u>	<u>10/31/05</u>	<u>10/31/05</u>	<u>10/31/05</u>	<u>10/31/05</u>	

11. Commission Action:

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

RESOLUTION

**Resolution of the Lee County Commission
in opposition to the expansion of offshore drilling.**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Lee County voice their opposition to any new oil and gas leases in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the coast of the United States and particularly State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is strongly supportive of maintaining the current offshore drilling moratorium to protect our marine ecosystems and supports making the Congressional leasing moratorium permanent; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is committed to protecting the ocean environment by keeping it free from potentially harmful offshore oil rigs, especially in light of the recent damaging hurricanes that have swept through the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is dedicated to preserving the beauty of our coastal treasures by keeping beaches free of unsightly oil rigs;

WHEREAS, the Commission is opposed to any efforts that result in a weakening of states' rights to protect their coastlines and offer federal funds for new oil and gas leases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Lee County Commission, are opposed to any new oil and gas leases in the OCS and support a permanent moratorium on offshore drilling.

JOHN ALBION	_____
RAY JUDAH	_____
ROBERT JANES	_____
DOUGLAS ST. CERNY	_____
TAMMY HALL	_____

DONE AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD this ____ day of _____, 2005.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM
LEE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By: _____
County Attorney