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Robert Behre is asking if NH has spoken to Sen. Scott concerning his proposed energy legislation and wants comment etc. After talking with Tim, we propose the following statement from me. NH wants to make sure you are good with this in light of the meetings you had this morning.

""The governor is for safely exploring for energy of our coast – it will be hugely beneficial to our economy, and just as importantly, mean that South Carolina is doing our part to make America energy independent. It's a win-win, and she appreciates Sen. Scott's leadership and efforts to get Washington out of the way and let South Carolina develop homegrown energy resources."

From Behre -

Sen. Scott told me this about his proposal:

Scott's bill would take a different approach.

He said the seismic survey of the Atlantic Coast's deposits would be made public to encourage as much competition as possible for the leases.

"We would engage in a process a little differently than what they do on the Gulf Coast," he said. "We would provide the information from the seismic to hopefully create more bidders, a more competitive bidding process."

Scott said his bill will call for states to receive 37.5 percent of the revenues generated off their coasts — and for public-private partnerships from schools and entrepreneurs to form the workforce needed.

Also, he said under his bill, no rig would be built any closer than 25 miles to shore.

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