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### **House Moves Gas Leasing Moratorium, Senator Expresses Concern About DCNR Comments**

By a vote of 26 to 8 the House Appropriations Committee this week reported out [House Bill 2235](#) (Vitali-D-Delaware) providing for a five year moratorium on leasing further State Forest lands for Marcellus Shale gas drilling.

"This is another important step and puts the bill in position to be voted on by the full House next week," said Rep. Vitali. "I'm optimistic it will pass with bipartisan support because it is such an important issue. We need to take a step back and analyze the impact the industry will have on our state forests."

