

S 2779

A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payments for certain noncoal reclamation projects.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Allard, Wayne [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 13, 2008
Sen. Bennett, Robert F. [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 13, 2008
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Mar 13, 2008
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 13, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 9, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5661	Identical bill	Apr 2, 2008: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, with respect to the allocation of surface mining reclamation funds to states and Indian tribes, to modify limitations on such allocations to provide for payments for filling voids and sealing tunnels and entryways (of non-coal mines as well as coal mines).

Requires uncertified states or Indian tribes to use such allocated funds to fill voids and seal tunnels and entryways (of non-coal as well as coal mines). ("Uncertified states and Indian tribes" are those which have not certified to the Secretary of the Interior that all priorities specified under the Act for eligible lands and waters have been achieved.)

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 16, 2008:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman without amendment. Without written report.
- **Sep 16, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 986.
- **Sep 11, 2008:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 9, 2008:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 110-572.
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR 3/14/2008 S2156-2157)
- **Mar 13, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR 3/14/2008 S2157)

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