

## HR 5661

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.

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Mar 31, 2008

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Apr 2, 2008)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/5661>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 2, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2779	Identical bill	<b>Sep 16, 2008:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 986.

### Summary (as of Mar 31, 2008)

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

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- **Apr 2, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 31, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 31, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.