

S 897

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 and acid mine remediation programs.

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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. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 5, 2011
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		May 5, 2011
Sen. Udall, Mark [D-CO]	D · CO		May 5, 2011
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		May 5, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 18, 2011
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 29, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 785	Identical bill	Feb 17, 2012: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

(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 authorize uncertified states and Indian tribes to use certain unexpended and unappropriated balance amounts for: (1) acid mine drainage abatement and treatment, and (2) noncoal abandoned mine land reclamation.

Modifies limitations placed upon the allocation of such surface mining reclamation funds to provide for payments for filling voids and sealing tunnels and entryways of noncoal mines as well as coal mines.

("Uncertified states and Indian tribes" are those which have not certified to the Secretary of the Interior completion of their abandoned coal mine reclamation work.)

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 16, 2012:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-429.
- **Apr 16, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 296.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Nov 3, 2011:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 3, 2011:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 3, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- **Nov 2, 2011:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S7091-7092; text as passed Senate: CR S7092)
- **Nov 2, 2011:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7091-7092; text as passed Senate: CR S7092)
- **Aug 30, 2011:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/02/2011 without amendment. With written report No. 112-63.
- **Aug 30, 2011:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 143.
- **Jul 14, 2011:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 18, 2011:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-39.
- **May 5, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 5, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2737)
- **May 5, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2737)