

HR 1644

STREAM Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (34 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Mar 26, 2015
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Mar 26, 2015
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		May 12, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		May 12, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Evan H. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		May 12, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		May 13, 2015
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		May 13, 2015
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		May 13, 2015
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		May 18, 2015
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 18, 2015
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		May 19, 2015
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		May 21, 2015
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jun 18, 2015
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jun 23, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jul 15, 2015
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 20, 2015
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Sep 8, 2015
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Sep 9, 2015
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 11, 2015
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Sep 15, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Sep 15, 2015
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Sep 16, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Sep 22, 2015
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Sep 22, 2015
Rep. Jordan, Jim [R-OH-4]	R · OH		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Sep 30, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 19, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 10, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HRES 583	Related bill	Jan 12, 2016: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 239 - 183 (Roll no. 37). (text: CR H297)

Summary (as of Jan 12, 2016)

Supporting Transparent Regulatory and Environmental Actions in Mining Act or the STREAM Act

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to direct the Department of the Interior to make publicly available online and in the Federal Register, 90 days before publication, any draft, proposed, supplemental, final, or emergency rule, or any environmental analysis, economic assessment, policy, or guidance, and each scientific product upon which Interior has relied in developing the rule, the analysis, or the assessment.

A scientific product is any product that:

- employs the scientific method for inventorying, monitoring, experimenting, studying, researching, or modeling purposes;
- is relied upon by Interior in developing any rule, environmental analysis, economic assessment, policy, or guidance; and
- is not protected under copyright laws.

For scientific products receiving federal funds Interior must also make publicly available the raw data used for them (any computational process or quantitative or qualitative data not protected by copyright or containing personally identifiable information, sensitive intellectual property, trade secrets, or business-sensitive information).

If Interior fails to make publicly available any scientific product for longer than six months, it must withdraw the rule, environmental analysis, or economic assessment policy or guidance. This requirement shall not apply if a delay in the publication of a rule will pose an imminent and severe threat to human life.

(Sec. 3) Interior shall arrange with the National Academy of Sciences for its Board on Earth Sciences and Resources to conduct a detailed, comprehensive study of the effectiveness of the "Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Permanent Regulatory Program; Stream Buffer Zones and Fish, Wildlife, and Related Environmental Values" Final Rule in protecting perennial and intermittent streams through the use of stream buffer zones. The study shall include suggestions and recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of the rule if it finds regulatory inefficiencies.

Appropriations for the study are authorized for FY2016-FY2017.

Until one year after publication of the Board's report to Congress, Interior may not issue any proposed or final regulations under the Act that relate either to stream buffer zones or to stream protection.

(Sec. 4) The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 is further amended to declare that nothing in it authorizes Interior to take any action that duplicates, implements, interprets, enforces, or determines compliance with specified mining, environmental, or fish and wildlife law.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 19, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 583. (consideration: CR H308-323)
- **Jan 12, 2016:** The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1644, S.J. Res. 22 and H.R. 3662. The resolution also provides for proceedings during the period from January 14, 2016, through January 22, 2016.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 583 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Erik Paulsen to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 1644.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 583, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lamborn amendment No. 1.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 583, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Kildee amendment No. 2.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Kildee amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Kildee demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 583, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cartwright amendment No. 3.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cartwright amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Cartwright demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 583, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sewell amendment No. 4.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Sewell amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Sewell demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 1644.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H321)
- **Jan 12, 2016:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H315-316)
- **Jan 12, 2016:** Mr. Kildee moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Natural Resources. (consideration: CR H321-322; text: CR H321)
- **Jan 12, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Kildee motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to insert language stating that either an imminent or long-term threat to human life or increase the incidence or prevalence of lung cancer, heart or kidney disease, birth defects, or heavy metal contamination in communities in the vicinities of mountaintop removal coal mining projects.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H322)
- **Jan 12, 2016:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 186 - 237 (Roll no. 41).
- **Jan 12, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 235 - 188 (Roll no. 42).
- **Jan 12, 2016:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 235 - 188 (Roll no. 42).
- **Jan 12, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 583 Reported to House. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1644, S.J. Res. 22 and H.R. 3662. The resolution also provides for proceedings during the period from January 14, 2016, through January 22, 2016.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 114-277.
- **Oct 1, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 209.
- **Sep 10, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

Sep 10, 2015: Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 12.

- **Sep 10, 2015:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Sep 9, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 14, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 8, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 26, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.