

HR 2937

Community Reclamation Partnerships Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Oct 3, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Jun 21, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 3, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 26, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) to revise the abandoned mine land reclamation program which restores land and water adversely impacted by surface coal mines that were abandoned before SMCRA's enactment.

A state with an approved abandoned mine reclamation program may enter into a memorandum of understanding with relevant federal or state agencies (or both) for remediating mine drainage on abandoned mine land and water impacted by abandoned mines.

In addition, the bill authorizes a partnership between a state and a community reclaimer for remediating abandoned mine land if:

- the partnership's proposed project is consistent with an approved state memorandum of understanding and conducted on certain prioritized sites;
- the state assumes all responsibility on behalf of the community reclaimer and the owner of the proposed project site for costs or damages resulting from actions or inactions of the community reclaimer in carrying out the project, except for gross negligence or intentional misconduct by the community reclaimer; and
- the state has necessary legal authority to conduct the project and has financial resources to ensure the project's completion.

A community reclaimer is a person who: (1) voluntarily assists a state in a reclamation project, (2) did not participate in any way in the creation of site conditions at the proposed site or activities that caused any land or waters to become eligible for reclamation or drainage abatement expenditures under SMCRA, (3) is not a past or current owner or operator of any site with ongoing reclamation obligations, and (4) is not subject to outstanding violations of surface coal mining permits.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 3, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Mr. Thompson (PA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7645-7646)
- **Oct 2, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2937.
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7645)
- **Oct 2, 2017:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7645)
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-260.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 189.
- **Jun 27, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 27, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 20, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.