

HR 3115

Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Lewis, Jason [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Jul 12, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 29, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 7, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 14, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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(Sec. 4) This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to convey specified National Forest System land within the Superior National Forest in St. Louis County, Minnesota, to Poly Met Mining Corporation, Inc., in exchange for specified nonfederal lands within the forest in St. Louis and Lake Counties, Minnesota.

Poly Met shall pay or reimburse all land survey, appraisal, land title, deed preparation, and other costs incurred by USDA in completing such exchange. All of the funds paid or reimbursed to USDA must be deposited into accounts and used for the purposes specified in certain collection agreements pertaining to such exchange.

The United States shall reserve the mineral rights on a specified portion of the federal land exchanged.

As set forth in the Final Record of Decision of January 9, 2017, approving such exchange, Poly Met shall honor existing road and transmission line authorizations on the federal land exchanged.

(Sec. 5) The appraised values of the federal and nonfederal lands that were determined and approved by USDA in November 2015 shall be the values used to complete the exchange and shall not be subject to reappraisal. Poly Met shall waive any payment otherwise owed to it by the United States to equalize the values of the exchanged lands. Such waiver shall be considered as a voluntary donation to the United States by Poly Met for all purposes of law.

(Sec. 7) Upon conveyance, the non-federal lands shall become part of the Superior National Forest and shall be managed in accordance with the Weeks Law and in a manner consistent with the land and resource management plan applicable to adjacent federally owned lands in the forest.

Upon conveyance, the federal land shall: (1) become private land and shall be made available for any lawful use in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations that pertain to mining and other uses of land in private ownership; and (2) be withdrawn from appropriation and disposal under public land laws and under laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 29, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Mr. Tipton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9445-9448)
- **Nov 28, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3115.
- **Nov 28, 2017:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H9455)
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 309 - 99 (Roll no. 639).(text: CR H9445-9446)
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- **Nov 28, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 5, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-287.
- **Sep 5, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 206.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 10.
- **Jul 14, 2017:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jul 7, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Introduced in House
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