

HR 3905

Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lewis, Jason [R-MN-2]	R · MN		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Oct 2, 2017
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Oct 5, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 1, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 8, 2017
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Nov 8, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HRES 631	Procedurally related	Nov 29, 2017: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill declares that minerals with the National Forest System (NFS) lands in Minnesota shall not be subject to withdrawal from disposition under U.S. mineral and geothermal leasing laws unless such withdrawal is approved by an Act of Congress.

(Sec. 3) The bill prohibits any extension or establishment of national monuments on NFS lands in Minnesota except by express authorization of Congress.

(Sec. 4) The bill declares that certain mineral leases issued within the exterior boundaries of NFS lands in Minnesota are indeterminate preference right leases that shall be: (1) issued for an initial 20-year period; and, (2) after such period, shall be renewable for 10-year periods if the lessee has complied with the terms and conditions of the lease during the 20-year period and on the condition that, at the end of each 10-year renewal period, Interior may readjust lease terms and conditions to encourage production or to address changing conditions within the lease area.

Interior may: (1) suspend operations under a lease when the lease can only be operated at a loss due to market conditions or when operations are interrupted by strikes; and (2) issue permits for the use of surface lands subject to, but not included in, the lease for the exploration, development, and use of the deposits covered by the lease.

This bill applies to all such mineral leases within the exterior boundaries of NFS lands in Minnesota, including: (1) leases that are not effective as of enactment of this bill; and (2) the existing hard rock mineral leases for Superior National Forest identified as MNES-01352 and MNES-01353.

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) shall also apply to all such mineral leases within those boundaries. In the case of the renewal of such hard rock mineral leases, the Bureau of Land Management must complete the pending environmental assessment under NEPA within 30 days of this bill's enactment.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2017:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Nov 30, 2017:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule 19, the House resumed with further consideration of H.R. 3905. (consideration: CR H9535-9536)
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 216 - 204 (Roll no. 643).
- **Nov 30, 2017:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 216 - 204 (Roll no. 643).
- **Nov 30, 2017:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Rule H. Res. 631 passed House.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 631. (consideration: CR H9498-9512; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H9498-9499)
- **Nov 29, 2017:** The rules provides 1 hour of general debate on both bills. For H.R. 3017, the bill is closed to amendments. For H.R. 3905, the rule provides for a specified amendment. The rule also provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions on each bill.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3905.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** DEBATE - The House resumed with debate on H.R. 3905.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 631, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Grijalva amendment No. 1.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Nov 29, 2017:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule 19, further consideration of H.R. 3905 is postponed.
- **Nov 28, 2017:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 631 Reported to House. The rules provides 1 hour of general debate on both bills. For H.R. 3017, the bill is closed to amendments. For H.R. 3905, the rule provides for a specified amendment. The rule also provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions on each bill.
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-422.
- **Nov 21, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 312.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Nov 8, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 13.
- **Nov 7, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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