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USE IT Act

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Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 24, 2019
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Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 10, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4049	Related bill	Aug 7, 2020: Held at the desk.
116 HR 5865	Related bill	Feb 24, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
116 S 2302	Related bill	Jan 8, 2020: By Senator Barrasso from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 116-200.
116 S 1790	Related bill	Dec 20, 2019: Became Public Law No: 116-92.
116 HR 1166	Identical bill	Feb 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2019)

Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies Act or the USE IT Act

This bill addresses the capture, utilization, and sequestration of carbon dioxide.

The Environmental Protection Agency must (1) establish a competitive prize program for certain technology projects that capture carbon dioxide directly from the air, (2) research and develop technologies or approaches that transform carbon dioxide generated by industrial processes into a product of commercial value, and (3) support research and infrastructure activities relating to carbon dioxide utilization by providing technical and financial assistance.

The bill includes the construction of infrastructure for carbon capture (e.g., carbon dioxide pipelines) among those projects subject to performance schedules designed to reduce permitting and project delivery time.

The Government Accountability Office must issue a report that identifies grant programs that research carbon capture and utilization technologies and examines whether the programs overlap.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) must publish guidance to (1) facilitate reviews associated with the deployment of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines; and (2) support the development of such projects and pipelines.

The CEQ must also establish at least two task forces to (1) identify challenges and successes that permitting authorities and project developers and operators face, and (2) improve the performance of the permitting process and regional coordination.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2019:** By Senator Barrasso from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 116-38.
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Barrasso without amendment. Without written report.
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 70.
- **Feb 27, 2019:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-5.
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.