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Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 30, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Sep 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 18, 2020)

Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act

This bill withdraws approximately 234,328 acres of federal land and waters in a specified area in the Rainy River Watershed of Superior National Forest in Minnesota from

- entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws;
- location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

The area is adjacent to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Mining Protection Area. Land or interest in land within such area that is acquired by the United States shall be immediately withdrawn in accordance with this bill.

The Forest Service is authorized to permit the removal of sand, granite, iron ore, and taconite from national forest system lands within such area if the removal is not detrimental to the water quality, air quality, and health of forest habitat within the Rainy River Watershed.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2020:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-672.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 556.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 16.
- **Feb 5, 2020:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jan 17, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jan 17, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jan 14, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 14, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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