

## HR 2176

Ensuring Access to Domestic Mineral Production Act

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 7, 2021
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Ensuring Access to Domestic Mineral Production Act

This bill limits the authority of the Department of the Interior to withdraw federal public lands from mineral exploration.

Specifically, the bill prohibits Interior from making such a withdrawal until a study has been completed that demonstrates that the proposed withdrawal will not result in any negative impacts to national security by limiting access to critical minerals.

In addition, the bill requires Interior to obtain the approval of Congress before withdrawing federal public lands in excess of 5,000 acres.

Before any withdrawal is initiated, the U.S. Geological Survey must conduct a mineral assessment to ensure that the minerals to be withdrawn by a proposed withdrawal do not impede the ability of the United States or its allies to procure a secure supply chain of essential resources needed for the U.S. economy and allied nations, including resources for national security and for U.S. energy infrastructure.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **May 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.