

HR 8446

Critical Mineral Consistency Act of 2024

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Nov 18, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ciscomani, Juan [R-AZ-6]
Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crane, Elijah [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		May 17, 2024
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		May 17, 2024
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Sep 11, 2024
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Oct 25, 2024
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Oct 29, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 18, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 4, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HRES 1568	Procedurally related	Nov 13, 2024: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 S 5274	Related bill	Sep 25, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill modifies the Energy Act of 2020 to expand the definition of *critical minerals* to include *critical materials* designated by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Under current law, DOE's critical materials list contains certain materials that are essential for energy, including those on the critical minerals list of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The USGS's list, which contains certain minerals that are essential to the nation's economic or national security, is not required to include the materials on DOE's list. Currently, both lists include minerals with a high risk of supply chain disruptions, and both DOE and USGS must conduct a variety of efforts to ensure a secure and reliable supply chain of the minerals.

By expanding the definition of *critical minerals*, this bill requires the USGS to include on its list the materials on DOE's list. Within 45 days of DOE adding a mineral, element, substance, or material to its critical materials list, the USGS must update its list to include such mineral, element, substance, or material.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 18, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1568. (consideration: CR H5986-5994)
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8932, H.R. 7409 and H.R. 8446. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 8932, H.R. 7409, and H.R. 8446 under a closed rule, and provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 8446.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Ms. Stansbury moved to recommit to the Committee on Natural Resources. (CR H5994)
- **Nov 14, 2024:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 8446, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit and by voice vote, announced that the yeas had prevailed. Ms. Stansbury demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5998-6000)
- **Nov 14, 2024:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 199 - 206 (Roll no. 461).
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 245 - 155 (Roll no. 462). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H5986-5987)
- **Nov 14, 2024:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 245 - 155 (Roll no. 462). (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H5986-5987)
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 13, 2024:** Rule H. Res. 1568 passed House.
- **Nov 12, 2024:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1568 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8932, H.R. 7409 and H.R. 8446. The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 8932, H.R. 7409, and H.R. 8446 under a closed rule, and provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit on each bill.
- **Nov 1, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-723.
- **Nov 1, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 610.
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jun 12, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 19 - 13.
- **Jun 4, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Jun 3, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **May 17, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.