

Union Calendar No. 456

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5511

[Report No. 110-715]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JUNE 17, 2008

Additional sponsors: Mrs. MUSGRAVE and Mr. SALAZAR

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. LEADVILLE MINE DRAINAGE TUNNEL REMEDI-**
2 **ATION.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
4 “Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of
5 2008”.

6 (b) **TUNNEL REMEDIATION.**—The Reclamation
7 Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (Pub-
8 lic Law 102–575) is amended as follows:

9 (1) By striking section 705.

10 (2) In section 708(a)—

11 (A) by striking “(a)” and inserting
12 “(a)(1)”;

13 (B) by striking “The Secretary shall have”
14 and inserting “Except as provided by paragraph
15 (2), the Secretary shall have”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(2) The Secretary shall participate in the im-
18 plementation of the operable unit 6 remedy for the
19 California Gulch Superfund Site, as such remedy is
20 defined in the Environmental Protection Agency’s
21 2003 Record of Decision for such operable unit,
22 by—

23 “(A) treating water behind any blockage or
24 bulkhead in the Leadville Mine Drainage Tun-
25 nel, including surface water diverted into the
26 Tunnel workings as part of the remedy; and

1 “(B) managing and maintaining the mine
2 pool behind such blockage or bulkhead at a level
3 that precludes surface runoff and releases and
4 minimizes the potential for tunnel failure due to
5 excessive water pressure in the tunnel.”.

6 (3) In section 708(f), by striking “and 708”
7 and inserting “, 708, and 709”.

8 (4) By adding at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 709. TUNNEL MAINTENANCE.**

10 “The Secretary shall take such steps to repair or
11 maintain the structural integrity of the Leadville Mine
12 Drainage Tunnel (LMDT) as may be necessary in order
13 to prevent tunnel failure and to preclude uncontrolled re-
14 lease of water from any portion of the tunnel.”.

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