

Union Calendar No. 482

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3409

[Report No. 112-670]

To limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Additional sponsors: Mr. STIVERS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. KELLY, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. FLORES, Mr. HARPER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. BERG, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Coal Miner Employ-
5 ment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULA-**
8 **TIONS UNDER THE SURFACE MINING CON-**
9 **TROL AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 1977.**

10 The Secretary of the Interior may not, before Decem-
11 ber 31, 2013, issue or approve any proposed or final regu-
12 lation under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation
13 Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.) that would—

14 (1) adversely impact employment in coal mines
15 in the United States;

16 (2) cause a reduction in revenue received by the
17 Federal Government or any State, tribal, or local
18 government, by reducing through regulation the
19 amount of coal in the United States that is available
20 for mining;

21 (3) reduce the amount of coal available for do-
22 mestic consumption or for export;

23 (4) designate any area as unsuitable for surface
24 coal mining and reclamation operations; or

1 (5) expose the United States to liability for tak-
2 ing the value of privately owned coal through regula-
3 tion.

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