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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 5, 2011

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. LEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

August 30 (legislative day, August 2), 2011

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of August 2, 2011, by Mr. BINGAMAN, without amendment

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION.

(a) Reclamation Fee- Section 402(g)(6)(A) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1232(g)(6)(A)) is amended by inserting `and section 411(h)(1)' after `paragraphs (1) and (5)'.

(b) Filling Voids and Sealing Tunnels- Section 409(b) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1239(b)) is amended by inserting `and section 411(h)(1)' after `section 402(g)'.

(c) Use of Funds- Section 411(h)(1)(D)(ii) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1240a(h)(1)(D)(ii)) is amended by striking `section 403' and inserting `section 402(g)(6), 403, or 409'.

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