



**COALEX STATE INQUIRY REPORT - 145**  
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**TOPICS: STATUS OF REMINING BILLS**

**INQUIRY:** What is the status of the remining bill introduced by Representative Rahall at the beginning of this year? Is there any information available on two earlier versions of remining bills introduced by Representatives Clinger and Boucher?

**SEARCH RESULTS:** Research was conducted using the bill tracking materials available in LEXIS. A summary of actions on the bills follows. Copies of the "Bill Tracking Reports" and both versions of the Rahall bill are attached.

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**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

**1. Earlier bills.**

In June, 1989 (101st Cong, 1st Sess), two bills were introduced and referred to the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. The purpose of the bills was "to encourage the remining and reclamation of abandoned mined lands by active mining operations."

HR 2719 was introduced by William F. Clinger (R-PA).

HR 2791 was introduced by Rick Boucher (D-VA).

The House Subcommittee on Mining and Natural Resources held a hearing on both bills in July, 1989.

**2. Coalfield Environment Enhancement Act of 1990.**

The result of the hearing and "subsequent work on this matter" was the introduction of HR 4053 in February, 1990 (101st Cong, 2nd Sess). Introduced by Nick J. Rahall (D-VW), the bill is cosponsored by the following Representatives:

Boucher (D-VA)  
Clinger (R-PA)  
Murphy (D-PA)



McCloskey (D-IN)  
Udall (D-AZ)

The House Subcommittee on Mining and Natural Resources held a hearing on the bill on March 13, 1990. On April 26, 1990, the Subcommittee approved an amended version of the bill for full Committee action. The House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee voted unanimously for the amended bill on May 16, 1990.

On June 6, 1990, HR 4053, with an amendment, was reported in the House (H Rept 101-527).

## ATTACHMENTS

- A. Bill Tracking Report for HR 4053, 101st Cong, 2nd Sess.
- B. Bill Tracking Report for HR 2719, 101st Cong, 1st Sess.
- C. Bill Tracking Report for HR 2791, 101st Cong, 1st Sess.
- D. HR 4053, Version 2, 101st Cong, 2nd Sess (June 8, 1990).
- E. HR 4053, Version 1, 101st Cong, 1st Sess (February 21, 1990) (with Extension of Remarks by Rep. Rahall).

### **Update of COALEX STATE INQUIRY REPORT - 145 Status of the remining bill November 29, 1990**

Updated activity on H.R. 4053 - Coalfield Environment Enhancement Act of 1990:

7/10/90	House agreed to suspend the rules and pass, amended, by voice vote
7/11/90	House requested the concurrence of the Senate
7/11/90	Referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

The following materials are attached:

The updated Bill Tracking Report  
Copy of the bill as referred in the Senate (Version 5)  
Copy of the bill as engrossed in the House (Version 3)