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Interstate Mining Compact Commission Herndon, VA 20170

TOPIC: SMCRA-RELATED AMENDMENTS TO HR 776, THE NATIONAL ENERGY BILL (5/92)

INQUIRY: Locate the Congressional Record debate on the SMCRA-related amendments to the House version of the National Energy Bill. Include copies of the amendments.

SEARCH RESULTS: Research was conducted using LEXIS.

The summary of the activity on May 27, 1992, from the Bill Tracking Report, is as follows:

"The Rahall Amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, the amendment sought to provide incentives for mining companies to extract and reprocess coal that remains in abandoned mines and coal refuse piles, direct the Office of Surface Mining to issue certain regulations and directives related to these mining processes, and other related provisions dealing with the leasing of Oil Shale Reserve lands in Colorado.

"House agreed to the Dingell en bloc Amend., as modified, that provides incentives for mining companies to extract and reprocess coal that remains in abandoned mines and coal refuse piles, directs the Office of Surface Mining to issue regulations relating to underground mining, permit use of monies from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to fight underground coal fires, and promote coal, oil and gas development, by voice vote.

"House rejected the Thomas of Wyoming Amendment that sought to eliminate provisions which extend for an additional 15 years the authority for collecting fees from mining companies for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, by voice vote."

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 138 CONG REC H 3747, 102nd Cong, 2nd Sess, (daily ed. May 27, 1992) (statements of Rep. Rahall, Rep. Dingell, et al. re: SMCRA-related amendments to HR 776).
- B. BILL TRACKING REPORT on HR 776 (May 27, 1992).