

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 4252

To amend the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act to ensure that economic assistance payments under that Act continue until the closure of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2026

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “WIPP Economic As-
5 sistance Assurance Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND MISCELLANEOUS PAY-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 Section 15(a) of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land
4 Withdrawal Act (Public Law 102–579; 106 Stat. 4791;
5 110 Stat. 2854) is amended—

6 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “14-
7 YEAR AUTHORIZATION” and inserting “IN GEN-
8 ERAL”; and

9 (2) in the first sentence—

10 (A) by striking “each of the 14 fiscal years
11 beginning with”; and

12 (B) by inserting “and each fiscal year
13 thereafter through the fiscal year during which
14 transuranic waste shipments to or from WIPP
15 have been terminated” before the period at the
16 end.

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