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H. R. 1207

To prohibit the United States Government from entering into certain agreements or arrangements related to public lands without the express prior approval of Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1999

Mr. VENTO (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FARR of California, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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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 “American Natural Re-
5 sources and Taxpayer Protection Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—No department, agency, or instru-
8 mentality of the United States may enter into any lease,
9 contract, patent, bond, or other financial agreement or ar-

1 rangement related to public lands or natural resources of
2 the United States with any foreign person without the ex-
3 press prior approval of the Congress by law.

4 (b) COST ESTIMATE.—Whenever any department,
5 agency, or instrumentality of the United States proposes
6 to enter into any lease, contract, patent, bond, or other
7 financial agreement or arrangement that requires the ap-
8 proval of Congress under subsection (a)—

9 (1) such agreement or arrangement shall be
10 submitted to the Congressional Budget Office and to
11 the Congress, and

12 (2) the Congressional Budget Office shall pre-
13 pare and submit to the Congress an estimate of the
14 value or the public lands or natural resources in-
15 volved in such agreement or arrangement.

16 (c) DEFINITION.—The term “foreign person” means
17 each of the following—

18 (1) Any individual who is not a citizen or na-
19 tional of the United States.

20 (2) Any person (other than an individual or
21 government) which is created or organized under the
22 laws of a foreign government or which has its prin-
23 cipal place of business outside the United States.

24 (3) Any person (other than an individual or
25 government) in which, as determined by the Sec-

1 retary of the Interior under regulations which the
2 Secretary shall prescribe, a significant interest or
3 substantial control is directly or indirectly held by
4 any individual referred to in paragraph (1) or any
5 person referred to in paragraph (2) or any combina-
6 tion of any such individuals or persons.

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