

## Calendar No. 986

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION**S. 2779**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2008

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. BENNETT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, without amendment

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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. ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION.**

4       (a) LIMITATION ON FUNDS.—Section 409(b) of the  
5       Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30

1 U.S.C. 1239(b)) is amended by inserting “or section  
2 411(h)(1)” after “section 402(g)”.

3 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 411(h)(1)(D)(ii) of the  
4 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30  
5 U.S.C. 1240a(h)(1)(D)(ii)) is amended by inserting “or  
6 409” after “section 403”.



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