111TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 1481

To authorize certain States to prohibit the importation of solid waste from other States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 12, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 "Solid Waste Compact5 Act".

6 SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF SOLID 7 WASTE.

8 (a) AMENDMENT.—Subtitle D of the Solid Waste
9 Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6941 et seq.) is amended by add10 ing at the end the following new section:

"AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF SOLID

WASTE

3 "SEC. 4011. A State whose State plan has been ap4 proved under section 4007 may prohibit the importation
5 into that State of solid waste from outside that State.".
6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 such subtitle D is amended by adding at the end the fol-

8 lowing new item:

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"Sec. 4011. Authority to prohibit importation of solid waste.".

9 SEC. 3. ALTERNATIVE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL METHODS.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Subtitle A of the Solid Waste
Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

13 "ALTERNATIVE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL METHODS

14 "SEC. 1009. The Administrator shall, in consultation 15 with the States and other interested persons, identify innovative alternative solid waste disposal methods, and es-16 17 tablish and publish technical guidance regarding the implementation of such methods. Within one year after the 18 date of the enactment of this section, and from time to 19 time 20 subsequently as warranted by changing cir-21 cumstances, the Administrator shall transmit to the Con-22 gress a report summarizing the Administrator's activities under this section.". 23

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 such subtitle A is amended by adding at the end the fol lowing new item:

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"Sec. 1009. Alternative solid waste disposal methods.".