

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4369

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require payment to each county of a portion of mining royalties received for mining operations in such county, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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 “Using our Energy to
5 Build Better Communities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF MINING REVENUES TO COUNTIES FOR**
2 **USE FOR SCHOOLS AND ROADS.**

3 Section 35(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
4 191(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(1)” before the first sentence;

6 (2) in paragraph (1) (as designated by the
7 amendment made by paragraph (1) of this section)
8 by striking “40 per centum” and inserting “20 per
9 centum”;

10 (3) by inserting after “June 17, 1902,” the fol-
11 lowing: “20 per centum shall be used to pay directly
12 to each county of the United States in which oc-
13 curred mining operations for which such money was
14 received, other than any county in Alaska, an
15 amount that is directly proportional to the portion of
16 such money attributable to such operations,”; and

17 (4) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2)(A) Amounts paid directly to a county under
19 paragraph (1) shall be used by the county for schools and
20 roads in the county.

21 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect
22 to a county in Alaska.”.

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