

Union Calendar No. 288

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 981

[Report No. 113–389]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a global rare earth element assessment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL 1, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. HOLT, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. CICILLINE

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “Resource Assessment
5 of Rare Earths Act of 2013” or the “RARE Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. GLOBAL RARE EARTH ELEMENT RESOURCE AS-**
7 **SESSMENT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Inte-
10 rior, acting through the Director of the United States Geo-
11 logical Survey and in coordination with the heads of na-
12 tional geological surveys where available, shall submit to
13 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
15 Resources of the Senate a comprehensive report on global
16 rare earth element resources and potential future global
17 supply. Such report shall use the best available data and
18 include—

19 (1) the identity and quantity of individual rare
20 earth elements in known deposits;

21 (2) models demonstrating the geologic condi-
22 tions necessary for the formation, and the variability
23 in composition, of the most significant deposits of
24 rare earth elements;

1 (3) regional assessments of the likelihood of oc-
2 currence of undiscovered deposits and an estimate of
3 the quantity of rare earth elements thought to be
4 present;

5 (4) recommendations, developed in consultation
6 with other appropriate agencies, on areas of need for
7 future geologic research related to—

8 (A) rare earth elements; and

9 (B) other minerals that are critical based
10 on the impact of a potential supply restriction
11 and the likelihood of a supply restriction; and

12 (5) analysis, developed with participation by the
13 National Minerals Information Center and in con-
14 sultation with appropriate agencies, of the rare earth
15 elements supply chain and associated processes and
16 products, including mining, processing, separation,
17 metal production, alloy production, and manufac-
18 turing of products sold to end users.

19 (b) RARE EARTH ELEMENT.—In this section the
20 term “rare earth element” means—

21 (1) any element in the lanthanides group of ele-
22 ments, which consists of lanthanum, cerium, praseo-
23 dymium, neodymium, promethium, samarium, euro-
24 pium, gadolinium, terbium, dysprosium, holmium,
25 erbium, thulium, ytterbium, and lutetium;

1 (2) yttrium; and

2 (3) scandium.

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Inte-
5 rior to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for the period
6 of fiscal years 2014 through 2016.

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