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S. 154

To amend the Act of July 31, 1947, to provide for the termination of
certain mineral materials contracts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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termination of certain mineral materials contracts.

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 “Mineral Materials Con-
5 tracts Termination Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF CERTAIN MINERAL CONTRACTS.**

7 Section 2 of the Act of July 31, 1947 (commonly
8 known as the “Materials Act of 1947”) (30 U.S.C. 602)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(b) **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.**—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the holder of a valid
 2 mineral materials contract entered into under this
 3 Act (referred to in this subsection as the ‘contract’)
 4 submits to the Secretary a request to terminate the
 5 contract before production is initiated under the con-
 6 tract and before any surface disturbance has oc-
 7 curred under the contract, the Secretary may—

8 “(A) terminate the contract; and

9 “(B) return to the contract holder any bid
 10 deposit and performance bond paid by the con-
 11 tract holder to the Bureau of Land Manage-
 12 ment under the contract.

13 “(2) ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT.—Acceptance
 14 of an amount returned under paragraph (1)(B) by
 15 the contract holder shall constitute—

16 “(A) a full and final settlement of the con-
 17 tract; and

18 “(B) an agreement on the part of the con-
 19 tract holder not to bring a civil action against
 20 the United States with respect to the con-
 21 tract.”.

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