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S. 2339

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the royalty rate for coal produced from surface mines on Federal land, to prohibit the export of coal produced on Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1, 2015

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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. ROYALTY RATE FOR COAL LEASES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a) of the Mineral Leas-
5 ing Act (30 U.S.C. 207(a)) is amended in the fourth sen-
6 tence by striking “not less than” and all that follows
7 through “of the value of coal” and inserting “not less than
8 50 percent of the value of coal”.

1 (b) EFFECT OF AMENDMENT.—The amendment
 2 made by subsection (a) shall apply to any coal lease en-
 3 tered into or renewed under the Mineral Leasing Act (30
 4 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) on or after the date of enactment of
 5 this Act.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF COAL PRODUCED ON**
 7 **FEDERAL LAND.**

8 Section 103(b) of the Energy Policy and Conserva-
 9 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 6212(b)) is amended by adding at
 10 the end the following:

11 “(3) PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF COAL PRODUCED
 12 ON FEDERAL LAND.—Not later than 90 days after the
 13 date of enactment of this paragraph, the President shall
 14 exercise the authority provided for in subsection (a) to
 15 promulgate a rule prohibiting the export of coal produced
 16 in the United States on Federal land.”.

17 **SEC. 3. MORATORIUM ON NEW COAL LEASE SALES PEND-**
 18 **ING IMPLEMENTATION.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
 20 retary of the Interior shall not conduct a new lease sale,
 21 or enter into a new lease, for coal subject to the Mineral
 22 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) until the Secretary
 23 certifies to Congress that this Act and the amendments
 24 made by this Act have been implemented.