

Public Law 91-631

AN ACT

December 31, 1970
[S. 719]

To establish a national mining and minerals policy.

Mining and
Minerals Policy
Act of 1970.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970".

SEC. 2. The Congress declares that it is the continuing policy of the Federal Government in the national interest to foster and encourage private enterprise in (1) the development of economically sound and stable domestic mining, minerals, metal and mineral reclamation industries, (2) the orderly and economic development of domestic mineral resources, reserves, and reclamation of metals and minerals to help assure satisfaction of industrial, security and environmental needs, (3) mining, mineral, and metallurgical research, including the use and recycling of scrap to promote the wise and efficient use of our natural and reclaimable mineral resources, and (4) the study and development of methods for the disposal, control, and reclamation of mineral waste products, and the reclamation of mined land, so as to lessen any adverse impact of mineral extraction and processing upon the physical environment that may result from mining or mineral activities.

"Minerals."

For the purpose of this Act "minerals" shall include all minerals and mineral fuels including oil, gas, coal, oil shale and uranium.

Report to Con-
gress.

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior to carry out this policy when exercising his authority under such programs as may be authorized by law other than this Act. For this purpose the Secretary of the Interior shall include in his annual report to the Congress a report on the state of the domestic mining, minerals, and mineral reclamation industries, including a statement of the trend in utilization and depletion of these resources, together with such recommendations for legislative programs as may be necessary to implement the policy of this Act.

Approved December 31, 1970.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

December 31, 1970
[H. J. Res. 1162]

To amend Public Law 403, Eightieth Congress, of January 28, 1948, providing for membership and participation by the United States in the South Pacific Commission.

South Pacific
Commission.
U.S. participa-
tion.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3(a) of Public Law 403, Eightieth Congress, entitled "Joint resolution providing for membership and participation by the United States in the South Pacific Commission and authorizing an appropriation therefor" as amended (22 U.S.C. 280b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) such sums as may be required annually not to exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year for the payment by the United States of its proportionate share of the expenses of the Commission and its auxiliary and subsidiary bodies, in accordance with article XIV of the agreement establishing the South Pacific Commission, as amended."

Approved December 31, 1970.

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