

House Calendar No. 116

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1251

[Report No. 117-499]

Of inquiry directing the Secretary of Agriculture to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the mineral withdrawal within the Superior National Forest.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2022

Mr. STAUBER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Reported adversely with an amendment, referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced resolution, see copy of resolution as introduced on July 22, 2022]

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- 1 *Resolved, That the Secretary of Agriculture is directed*
- 2 *to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than*
- 3 *14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution,*

1 *copies of any document, memorandum, correspondence, and*
2 *other communication or any portion of any such commu-*
3 *nication, that refers or relates to the mineral withdrawal*
4 *within the Superior National Forest and composition of the*
5 *Duluth Complex, including the following:*

6 (1) *All documents and communications relating*
7 *to the minerals found within the Duluth complex, in-*
8 *cluding but not limited to any reference to—*

9 (A) *the amount of copper or recognized crit-*
10 *ical minerals found; and*

11 (B) *minerals needed for infrastructure, re-*
12 *newable energy, or electric vehicle production.*

13 (2) *All documents and communications referring*
14 *or relating to initiating the mineral withdrawal proc-*
15 *ess within Superior National Forest.*

16 (3) *All documents and communications relating*
17 *to the impact of the mineral withdrawal on Twin*
18 *Metals operation, including but not limited to any*
19 *reference to—*

20 (A) *preventing production of minerals;*

21 (B) *union project labor agreements; and*

22 (C) *the loss of economic benefits at the State*
23 *and local level.*

24 (4) *All documents and communications relating*
25 *to the impact of the two-year pause on mineral activ-*

1 *ity in Superior National Forest while the mineral*
2 *withdrawal application is considered, including but*
3 *not limited to any reference to—*

4 *(A) national security implications;*

5 *(B) mineral supply chain stability implica-*
6 *tions;*

7 *(C) increased dependence on foreign min-*
8 *erals; and*

9 *(D) the economic losses at the State and*
10 *local level.*

11 *(5) Any meeting or communication that occurred*
12 *between Secretary Tom Vilsack, or his representative,*
13 *and environmental advocacy groups referring or re-*
14 *lating to the mineral withdrawal application in Su-*
15 *perior National Forest.*

16 *(6) All documents and communications referring*
17 *or related to the U.S. Forest Service's Environmental*
18 *Assessment recommending a mineral withdrawal in*
19 *the Superior National Forest.*

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