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To limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2012

Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CHAMBLISS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Coal Miner Employ-
5 ment and Domestic Energy Infrastructure Protection
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULA-**
2 **TIONS UNDER THE SURFACE MINING CON-**
3 **TROL AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 1977.**

4 The Secretary of the Interior may not, before Decem-
5 ber 31, 2013, issue or approve any proposed or final regu-
6 lation under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation
7 Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 et seq.) that would—

8 (1) adversely impact employment in coal mines
9 in the United States;

10 (2) cause a reduction in revenue received by the
11 Federal Government or any State, tribal, or local
12 government, by reducing through regulation the
13 quantity of coal in the United States that is avail-
14 able for mining;

15 (3) reduce the quantity of coal available for do-
16 mestic consumption or for export;

17 (4) designate any area as unsuitable for surface
18 coal mining and reclamation operations; or

19 (5) expose the United States to liability for tak-
20 ing the value of privately owned coal through regula-
21 tion.

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