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S. 3956

To include phosphate and potash on the final list of critical minerals of the Department of the Interior.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 14, 2024

Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To include phosphate and potash on the final list of critical minerals of the Department of the Interior.

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. INCLUSION OF PHOSPHATE AND POTASH AS**
4 **CRITICAL MINERALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The list of critical minerals pub-
6 lished in the notice of the Secretary of the Interior entitled
7 “2022 Final List of Critical Minerals” (87 Fed. Reg.
8 10381 (February 24, 2022)) shall be deemed to include
9 phosphate and potash.

1 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 90 days
2 after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary
3 of the Interior shall evaluate current policies relating to
4 permitting and leasing of projects to develop the minerals
5 described in subsection (a) and submit to the Committee
6 on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the
7 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives recommendations to support domestic produc-
9 tion of those minerals.

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