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S. 4311

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to eliminate an administrative fee, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. CRAMER) 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 “Restoring State Min-
5 eral Revenues Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE UNDER**
7 **THE MINERAL LEASING ACT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 35 of the Mineral Leasing
9 Act (30 U.S.C. 191) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by
2 striking “, subject to the provisions of subsection
3 (b),”;

4 (2) by striking subsection (b);

5 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as
6 subsections (b) and (c), respectively;

7 (4) in subsection (b)(3)(B)(ii) (as so redesign-
8 dated), by striking “subsection (d)” and inserting
9 “subsection (c)”; and

10 (5) in subsection (c)(3)(A)(ii) (as so redesign-
11 dated), by striking “subsection (c)(2)(B)” and in-
12 serting “subsection (b)(2)(B)”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14 (1) Section 6(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act for
15 Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 355(a)) is amended—

16 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Sub-
17 ject to the provisions of section 35(b) of the
18 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(b)), all”
19 and inserting “All”; and

20 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “of
21 the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 450; 30
22 U.S.C. 191)” and inserting “of the Mineral
23 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191)”.

24 (2) Section 20(a) of the Geothermal Steam Act
25 of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1019(a)) is amended in the mat-

1 ter preceding paragraph (1), in the second sentence,
2 by striking “the provisions of subsection (b) of sec-
3 tion 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
4 191(b)) and”.

5 (3) Section 205(f) of the Federal Oil and Gas
6 Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C.
7 1735(f)) is amended by striking the fourth, fifth,
8 and sixth sentences.

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