

# Union Calendar No. 556

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5598

[Report No. 116–672]

To provide for the protection of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and interconnected Federal lands and waters, including Voyageurs National Park, within the Rainy River Watershed in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2020

Ms. MCCOLLUM (for herself, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 18, 2020

Additional sponsors: Ms. OMAR, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. STEWART, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. CASE, Mr. KIND, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. PINGREE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SIREs, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. KILMER, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. LEE of California, and Mrs. BEATTY

DECEMBER 18, 2020

Deleted sponsor: Mr. STEWART (added January 21, 2020; deleted January 28, 2020)

DECEMBER 18, 2020

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 14, 2020]

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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 “Boundary Waters Wil-*  
 5 *derness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LANDS AND**  
 7 **WATERS IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.**

8 (a) *DEFINITION OF MAP.*—*In this Act, the term*  
 9 *“Map” means the map prepared by the Forest Service enti-*  
 10 *tled “Superior National Forest Mineral Withdrawal Appli-*  
 11 *cation Map” and dated December 5, 2016.*

12 (b) *WITHDRAWAL.*—*Except as provided in subsection*  
 13 *(d) and subject to valid existing rights, the approximately*  
 14 *234,328 acres of Federal land and waters in the Rainy*  
 15 *River Watershed of the Superior National Forest in the*  
 16 *State of Minnesota, as located on the Map and described*  
 17 *in the Federal Register Notice of Application for With-*  
 18 *drawal, dated January 19, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 6639), are*  
 19 *hereby withdrawn from—*

20 (1) *all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-*  
 21 *posal under the public land laws;*

22 (2) *location, entry, and patent under the mining*  
 23 *laws; and*

24 (3) *operation of the mineral leasing, mineral*  
 25 *materials, and geothermal leasing laws.*

1       (c) *ACQUIRED LAND*.—Any land or interest in land  
2   within the area depicted on the Map that is acquired by  
3   the United States after the date of enactment of this Act  
4   shall, on acquisition, be immediately withdrawn in accord-  
5   ance with this section.

6       (d) *REMOVAL OF SAND, GRAVEL, GRANITE, IRON ORE,*  
7   *AND TACONITE*.—The Chief of the Forest Service is author-  
8   ized to permit the removal of sand, gravel, granite, iron  
9   ore, and taconite from national forest system lands within  
10  the area depicted on the Map if the Chief determines that  
11  the removal is not detrimental to the water quality, air  
12  quality, and health of the forest habitat within the Rainy  
13  River Watershed.

14       (e) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP*.—The Map shall be kept on  
15  file and made available for public inspection in the appro-  
16  priate offices of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land  
17  Management.



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