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H. R. 8198

To amend the FAST Act to add activities relating to the extraction, recovery, or processing of certain materials to the definition of a critical project, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Mr. BARR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “National Security
5 Through America’s Resources and Permitting Reform Act
6 of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMIT PROCESS FOR PROJECTS RELATING TO EX-**
2 **TRACTION, RECOVERY, OR PROCESSING OF**
3 **CRITICAL MATERIALS.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF COVERED PROJECT.—Section
5 41001(6)(A) of the FAST Act (42 U.S.C. 4370m(6)(A))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in clause (i)(III), by striking “; or” and in-
8 serting a semicolon;

9 (2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking the period and
10 inserting “; or”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(iii) is related to the extraction, re-
13 covery, or processing from coal, coal waste,
14 coal processing waste, pre-or post-combus-
15 tion coal byproducts, or acid mine drainage
16 from coal mines of one of the following
17 materials for the purposes of securing the
18 economic and national security of the
19 United States:

20 “(I) Critical minerals (as such
21 term is defined in Executive Order
22 13817 (30 U.S.C. 1601 note)).

23 “(II) Rare earth elements.

24 “(III) Microfine carbon or carbon
25 from coal.”.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior
3 shall submit to the Committees on Energy and Natural
4 Resources and Commerce, Science, and Transportation of
5 the Senate and the Committees on Transportation and In-
6 frastructure, Natural Resources, and Energy and Com-
7 merce of the House of Representatives a report evaluating
8 the timeliness of implementation of reforms of the permit-
9 ting process required for activities described in section
10 41001(6)(A)(iii) of the FAST Act (42 U.S.C.
11 4370m(6)(A)).

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