

## Union Calendar No. 207

115<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2316

[Report No. 115-288]

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act and the Energy Policy Act of 1992  
to repeal provisions relating only to the Allegheny National Forest.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas)  
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on  
Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

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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 “Cooperative Manage-  
5 ment of Mineral Rights Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS REGARDING THE ALLE-**  
7 **GHENY NATIONAL FOREST.**

8 (a) REPEAL.—Subsection (o) of section 17 of the  
9 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226) and section 2508  
10 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–486;  
11 106 Stat. 3108) are repealed.

12 (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENT NOT AFFECTED.—Noth-  
13 ing in this Act shall be construed or interpreted—

14 (1) to limit, modify, or otherwise affect the ex-  
15 isting requirement to provide in writing 60-day ad-  
16 vance notice of specific activities in accordance with  
17 the order dated December 16, 1980, in the case  
18 United States of America v. Minard Run Oil Com-  
19 pany, 1980 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 9570 (W.D. Pa., Dec.  
20 16, 1980); or

21 (2) to limit existing authority of the Forest  
22 Service under provisions of law codified in section  
23 551 of title 16, United States Code.

24 (c) PERMITTING AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.—  
25 Nothing in this Act shall be construed or interpreted to

- 1 alter, repeal, or otherwise limit the existing authority of
- 2 the Forest Service to permit the harvest or sale of timber
- 3 derived from the Allegheny National Forest.



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