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REPORT AMENDMENTS

1) Amendment by Senator Coons (regarding First State National Historical Park).

On page 39 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Continued Directives”, insert the following:

“First State National Historical Park.—The Committee notes the importance of preserving historic structures in the First State National Historical Park and encourages the agency to include the Ramsey House on one of its lists of priorities for funding in the next fiscal year.”

2) Amendment by Senator Feinstein (regarding EPA International Programs).

On page 93 of the report, in the paragraph titled “International Programs”, strike “180” and replace with “90”.

3) Amendment by Senator Feinstein (regarding Southern California Site).

On page 100 of the report, in the paragraph titled “Offshore Sites”, insert “within 180 days of the enactment of this act” after “Committee”.

4) Amendment by Senator Fischer (regarding Lifecycle Analysis).

On page 86 of the report, under the heading “Research: Air, Climate, and Energy”, strike the second paragraph beginning “Further” and insert:

“Further, the Committee notes the lifecycle analysis [LCA] framework the Agency developed for the Renewable Fuel Standard in 2010 warrants an update with newer models and data. Within available funds, the Committee encourages the Agency to update the methodology in its LCA with respect to greenhouse gas emissions that result from renewable fuels to determine which models are best for particular purposes and to follow up on their recently released Model Comparison Exercise Technical Document by identifying and adopting, as appropriate, new modeling tools that reflect the best available science. The Agency is directed to brief the Committee on its efforts to update or utilize new models, such as the Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy use in Technologies (GREET) model, and data within 60 days of enactment of this act.”

5) Amendment by Senator Hagerty (regarding National Park Service Visitation).

On page 37 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Visitor Services”, insert the following:

“Visitation.—As the Service develops funding estimates for sites within the National Park System, the Committee encourages the Service to consider how annual visitation trends may impact operations at each park, among other factors. Within 180 days of enactment of this act, the Department shall brief the Committee on how visitation trends impact operations at each park.”

6) Amendment by Senator Hagerty (regarding Voting-Related Activities).

On page 8 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Transparency of Information”, insert the following:

*“Voting-related Activities.—*The Committee directs the Secretary or Administrator to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a briefing, no later than 90 days after enactment of this act, regarding any strategic plans developed by the Department or Agency since January 20, 2021 outlining the ways that the Department has promoted voter registration, and voter participation.”

7) Amendment by Senator Manchin (regarding Innovative Grant Opportunities).

On page 107 of the report, before the paragraph titled “Regional Water Commissions”, insert the following:

*Innovative Grant Opportunities.—*The Committee notes that the Agency has announced its intent to make available \$350,000,000 under Section 60113 of Public Law 117-169, but not further funding opportunities supporting innovation. The Committee urges the Agency to announce further funding opportunities and implementation guidance by the end of calendar year 2023.

8) Amendment by Senators Manchin and Capito (regarding Reliability).

On page 98 of the report, at the appropriate place insert the following:

*“Reliability.—*The Committee urges the Agency to seek and consider input from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), as well as state, interstate, and other reliability authorities regarding the impact on resource adequacy and electric reliability during the development of any final rules based on the proposed rules titled: “New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule” (published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register on May 23, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 33240)), “Supplemental Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category” (published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register on March 29, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 18824)), and “National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units Review of the Residual Risk and Technology Review” (published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register on April 24, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 24854)). The Committee urges the Agency to ensure that FERC, NERC, and other authorities’ inputs are considered when these regulations are finalized.”

9) Amendment by Senators Manchin and Capito (regarding Underground Injection Control).

On page 95 of the report, after the second paragraph of the section titled “Ensure Safe Water”, insert the following:

“The Committee is concerned that there are more than 100 Underground Injection Control Class VI well applications pending at the Agency and that final decisions were not made on any pending Class VI well or State primacy applications in Fiscal Year 2023. The Committee directs the Agency within 30 days of enactment to increase publicly available information regarding the status of Class VI permit applications.”

10) Amendment by Senators Manchin and Murkowski (regarding Critical Minerals).

On page 98 of the report, at the appropriate place insert the following:

“*Critical Minerals in Electric Vehicles.*—Within 60 days of enactment for any currently proposed rules and within five days of any newly proposed rules, the Agency shall publish a report on their website that details their assessment of the regulation’s impact on the amount of critical minerals extracted, processed, or recycled by a foreign entity of concern and alternative approaches that would reduce the need for critical minerals sourced from a foreign entity of concern.”

11) Amendment by Senators Manchin and Capito (regarding Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles).

On page 98 of the report, at the appropriate place insert the following:

“*Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles.*—The Committee urges the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that the Utility Factor for Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles used in any final rule based on the proposed rule titled “Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles (published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register on March 29, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 18824)) accurately reflects emissions reduction benefits from Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles. The Committee directs the Environmental Protection Agency, within 30 days of enactment of this Act, to brief the authorizing and appropriations Committees, including the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, on the Utility Factor standard for Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles.”

12) Amendment by Senator Manchin (regarding Abandoned Mine Lands Reporting).

On page 55 of the report, before the paragraph titled “Passive Treatment Protection Program Grants”, insert the following:

“The Committee is committed to ensuring states and tribes are able to access and utilize funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58) to reclaim abandoned mine land across the country as expeditiously as possible. To that end, the Committee expects the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to work with and solicit input from the states and tribes to simplify the process where possible and directs OSMRE to consider synchronizing reporting requirements.”

13) Amendment by Senators Manchin and Murkowski (regarding Critical Mineral Reporting).

On page 74 of the report, before the section titled “Insular Affairs”, at the appropriate place insert the following:

“The Committee is concerned that the Department of the Interior has not complied with the requirements of Section 40206(d) and Section 40206(e) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, including the submission of the critical mineral permitting and review performance improvement report and publishing of the performance metric required under those sections. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to brief the appropriate authorizing and appropriations Committees every 30 days on the Department’s efforts to assist with preparation of the required submissions until such time that the requirements are satisfied.”

14) Amendment by Senators Manchin and Murkowski (regarding Critical Mineral Planning).

On page 74 of the report, before the section titled “Insular Affairs”, at the appropriate place insert the following:

“The Committee is concerned that the statutorily required submissions to Congress under the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act (30 U.S.C. 1604(a)) have not been completed despite the importance of minerals policy to Administration goals and a statutory deadline of December 22, 2021. Further, the Committee expects the Department of the Interior to implement minerals policy in a coordinated manner with the Executive Office of the President and other Departments or agencies. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to brief the appropriate authorizing and appropriations Committees every 30 days on the Department’s efforts to assist with preparation of the required submissions until such time that the requirements are satisfied.”

15) Amendment by Senator Murkowski (regarding Congressionally Directed Spending).

On page 159 of the report, in the table, for Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility for Fire Protection Well, strike “\$1,200,000” and insert “\$1,197,000”.

On page 160 of the report, in the table, for Johnson County Wastewater for Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements, strike “\$1,506,000” and insert “\$1,509,000”.

16) Amendment by Senator Murphy (regarding Wild and Scenic River Funding).

On page 36 of the report, in the paragraph titled “Resource Stewardship”, strike “is maintained at fiscal year 2023 level” and insert “is increased by \$500,000”.

17) Amendment by Senator Schatz (regarding NATIVE Act Implementation).

On page 65 of the report, before the paragraph titled "Executive Direction and Administrative Services", insert the following:

*“NATIVE Act Implementation.—*The Committee notes that the NATIVE Act, Public Law 114-221, requires an annual report outlining actions taken, policies formulated, and management plans and tourism initiatives formulated to include American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN), tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Additionally, the NATIVE Act requires a co-leadership role to integrate federal tourism assets within the federal government to strengthen and develop Native American tourism, yet both of these requirements have not been met. Therefore the Committee directs the Bureau to produce and submit the required report to the Committee within 120 days of enactment of this act. Further, the NATIVE Act requires the Bureau and the Department of Commerce to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a qualified Native-led non-profit organization with an established record of managing a national program providing outreach, training and support specific to Native American communities in the development, growth and enhancement of cultural tourism. The Committee further directs the Bureau to provide a briefing to the Committee within 60 days of enactment of this act on how the Bureau intends to implement the MOU in future years.”

BILL AMENDMENTS

1) Amendment by Senators Manchin and Murkowski (Critical Minerals).

On page 185 of the bill, on line 1, insert the following:

CRITICAL MINERALS

“SEC. 449. In implementing regulations related to tailpipe greenhouse gas emissions standards under section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency shall assess and report to Congress on the impact such regulations would have on the amount of critical minerals extracted, processed, or recycled by a foreign entity of concern (as defined in section 40207(a)(5) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (42 U.S.C. 18741(a)(5))).”

2) Amendment by Senator Murphy (Wild and Scenic River Funding).

On page 14 of the bill, line 7, strike “\$2,934,504,000” and insert “\$2,935,004,000”.

On page 20 of the bill, line 16, strike “\$5,000,000” and insert “\$5,500,000”.