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For the purposes of providing for the full and complete disclosure of information relating to applications for mineral patents under the Mining Law of 1872.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 1994

Mr. RAHALL 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 “Mineral Patent Public
5 Right-To-Know Act of 1994”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF PATENT INFORMATION.**

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
8 regulation to the contrary, the Secretary of the Interior
9 (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall provide

1 for the full and complete disclosure, upon request by any
2 party, of all information submitted to the Secretary by an
3 applicant for a patent for a mining claim or mill site pur-
4 suant to the general mining laws of the United States,
5 and of all information developed by the Bureau of Land
6 Management or the Forest Service, as the case may be,
7 as part of its evaluation of the validity of such mining
8 claim or mill site for the purposes of a patent application.

9 (b) The Secretary shall not issue a patent for a min-
10 ing claim or mill site pursuant to the general mining laws
11 of the United States until opportunity for hearing and
12 public comment.

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