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# H. R. 1207

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1999

Mr. VENTO (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FARR of California, and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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 “American Natural Re-  
5 sources and Taxpayer Protection Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—No department, agency, or instru-  
8 mentality of the United States may enter into any lease,  
9 contract, patent, bond, or other financial agreement or ar-

1 rangement related to public lands or natural resources of  
2 the United States with any foreign person without the ex-  
3 press prior approval of the Congress by law.

4 (b) COST ESTIMATE.—Whenever any department,  
5 agency, or instrumentality of the United States proposes  
6 to enter into any lease, contract, patent, bond, or other  
7 financial agreement or arrangement that requires the ap-  
8 proval of Congress under subsection (a)—

9 (1) such agreement or arrangement shall be  
10 submitted to the Congressional Budget Office and to  
11 the Congress, and

12 (2) the Congressional Budget Office shall pre-  
13 pare and submit to the Congress an estimate of the  
14 value of the public lands or natural resources in-  
15 volved in such agreement or arrangement.

16 (c) DEFINITION.—The term “foreign person” means  
17 each of the following—

18 (1) Any individual who is not a citizen or na-  
19 tional of the United States.

20 (2) Any person (other than an individual or  
21 government) which is created or organized under the  
22 laws of a foreign government or which has its prin-  
23 cipal place of business outside the United States.

24 (3) Any person (other than an individual or  
25 government) in which, as determined by the Sec-

1       retary of the Interior under regulations which the  
2       Secretary shall prescribe, a significant interest or  
3       substantial control is directly or indirectly held by  
4       any individual referred to in paragraph (1) or any  
5       person referred to in paragraph (2) or any combina-  
6       tion of any such individuals or persons.

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