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# H. R. 2601

To preserve Federal land by requiring a moratorium on new mining activities on such land.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 1999

Mr. WU 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. MORATORIUM ON MINERAL ACTIVITIES ON**

4 **FEDERAL LANDS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—No agency of the Federal Govern-  
6 ment may issue any new permit or license, renew any per-  
7 mit or license, enter into any new lease, renew any lease,  
8 or otherwise issue any new authorization for any mineral  
9 activities to be conducted on Federal lands after the date  
10 of the enactment of this Act.

1 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This Act shall not apply to the  
2 following:

3 (1) ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED UNDER PRIOR AU-  
4 THORIZATION.—Mineral activities conducted on Fed-  
5 eral lands pursuant to a permit, license, lease, or  
6 other authorization for a specific activity which was  
7 issued prior to the date of the enactment of this Act.  
8 Such permits, licenses, leases, or authorizations may  
9 not be renewed.

10 (2) NATIONAL SECURITY.—Mineral activities  
11 conducted for purposes of the national security of  
12 the United States.

13 (c) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this Act the  
14 term “mineral activities” means any activity for, related  
15 to, or incidental to, mineral exploration, mining,  
16 beneficiation processing, or reclamation activities for any  
17 mineral.

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