

108TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2317

To limit the royalty on soda ash.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 8, 2004

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. SODA ASH ROYALTIES.**

4 Section 24 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.  
5 262) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “SEC. 24. That upon” and in-  
7 serting the following:

8 **“SEC. 24. LEASES.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(b) SODA ASH ROYALTIES.—Notwithstanding sub-  
12 section (a), during the 5-year period beginning on the date

1 of enactment of this subsection, the royalty rate applicable  
2 to any soda ash lease entered into under subsection (a)  
3 before, on, or after the date of enactment of this sub-  
4 section shall be 2 percent.”.

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