

# Calendar No. 413

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2603

To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7, 2006

Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

APRIL 24, 2006

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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 “Soda Ash Royalty Re-  
5 duction Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN ROYALTY RATE ON SODA ASH.**

2 Notwithstanding section 102(a)(9) of the Federal  
3 Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
4 1701(a)(9)), section 24 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
5 U.S.C. 262), and the terms of any lease under that Act,  
6 the royalty rate on the quantity or gross value of the out-  
7 put of sodium compounds and related products at the  
8 point of shipment to market from Federal land in the 5-  
9 year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this  
10 Act shall be 2 percent.

11 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

12 After the end of the 4-year period beginning on the  
13 date of the enactment of this Act, and before the end of  
14 the 5-year period beginning on that date, the Secretary  
15 of the Interior shall report to the Congress on the effects  
16 of the royalty reduction under this Act, including—

17 (1) the amount of sodium compounds and re-  
18 lated products at the point of shipment to market  
19 from Federal land during that 4-year period;

20 (2) the number of jobs that have been created  
21 or maintained during the royalty reduction period;

22 (3) the total amount of royalty paid to the  
23 United States on the quantity or gross value of the  
24 output of sodium compounds and related products at  
25 the point of shipment to market produced during

1       that 4-year period, and the portion of such royalty  
2       paid to States; and

3               (4) a recommendation of whether the reduced  
4       royalty rate should apply after the end of the 5-year  
5       period beginning on the date of the enactment of  
6       this Act.

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