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[Report No. 115–413]

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Mr. TIPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Planning for American
5 Energy Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. ONSHORE DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION STRA-**
7 **TEGIC PLAN.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Mineral Leasing Act (30
9 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by redesignating section
10 44 as section 45, and by inserting after section 43 the
11 following:

12 **“SEC. 44. QUADRENNIAL FEDERAL ONSHORE ENERGY PRO-**
13 **DUCTION STRATEGY.**

14 “(a) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH QUADRENNIAL
15 FEDERAL ONSHORE ENERGY PRODUCTION STRATEGY.—
16 The Secretary shall develop and publish once every 4 years
17 a Quadrennial Federal Onshore Energy Production Strat-
18 egy.

19 “(b) CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED.—In developing the
20 Strategy, the Secretary shall consult with—

21 “(1) the Administrator of the Energy Informa-
22 tion Administration with regard to—

23 “(A) the projected energy demands of the
24 United States for the next 30-year period;

1 “(B) the methodology used to arrive at
2 such projection; and

3 “(C) actions to be taken during the next 4-
4 year period with the goal of meeting such de-
5 mands;

6 “(2) the Secretary of Agriculture with regard to
7 lands administered by such Secretary; and

8 “(3) the Secretary of Energy with regard to en-
9 ergy transmission, storage, and distribution infra-
10 structure.

11 “(c) STATE, FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN
12 TRIBES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLIC INPUT.—In
13 developing the Strategy, the Secretary shall solicit the
14 input of—

15 “(1) the State, federally recognized Indian
16 Tribe, or local government where each energy project
17 included in the Strategy is proposed to be located;
18 and

19 “(2) the public.

20 “(d) CONTENTS OF STRATEGY.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Strategy shall direct
22 onshore Federal land energy development and de-
23 partment resource allocation in order to promote the
24 energy security and national security of the United

1 States in accordance with the principles of multiple
2 use and sustained yield.

3 “(2) PROJECTED DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR EN-
4 ERGY RESOURCES.—The Secretary, in consultation
5 with the Administrator of the Energy Information
6 Administration, shall include in the Strategy an esti-
7 mate, based upon commercial and scientific data, of
8 the projected domestic demand for energy resources
9 over the 30-year period beginning on the date of the
10 publication of such Strategy. The estimate shall be
11 disaggregated by the energy resource types listed in
12 subparagraphs (A) through (H) of paragraph (3)
13 and expressed in British thermal units or mega-
14 watts, as appropriate.

15 “(3) DOMESTIC STRATEGIC PRODUCTION OB-
16 JECTIVE.—The Secretary shall include in the Strat-
17 egy a domestic strategic production objective based
18 on the estimate in paragraph (2) for the develop-
19 ment of the following energy resource types on Fed-
20 eral onshore lands:

21 “(A) Oil and natural gas.

22 “(B) Coal.

23 “(C) Strategic and critical energy min-
24 erals.

1 “(D) Electricity, in megawatts, from each
2 of wind, solar, biomass, hydropower, and geo-
3 thermal energy.

4 “(E) Energy from unconventional energy
5 production, such as oil shale.

6 “(F) Helium.

7 “(G) Oil, natural gas, coal, and other re-
8 newable sources from the Tribal lands of any
9 federally recognized Indian Tribe that elects to
10 participate in facilitating energy production on
11 its lands.

12 “(H) Other energy production technology
13 sources or advancements in energy, as deter-
14 mined by the Secretary.

15 “(4) CONSIDERATIONS.—In the Strategy, the
16 Secretary shall consider—

17 “(A) how Federal lands will contribute to
18 ensuring national energy security, with a goal
19 for increasing energy independence and produc-
20 tion during the next 4-year period;

21 “(B) the ability of existing energy trans-
22 mission, storage, and distribution infrastructure
23 to efficiently utilize energy production from
24 Federal lands; and

1 “(C) the proportion of total energy produc-
2 tion derived from Federal land compared to
3 non-Federal land for each of the energy re-
4 sources listed in subparagraphs (A) through
5 (H) of paragraph (3).

6 “(e) TRIBAL OBJECTIVES.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that federally recognized Indian Tribes may elect to
8 set their own production objectives as part of the Strategy.
9 The Secretary shall work in cooperation with any federally
10 recognized Indian Tribe that elects to participate in
11 achieving its own strategic energy objectives.

12 “(f) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall sub-
13 mit a report annually to the Committee on Natural Re-
14 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
15 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
16 that—

17 “(1) examines the progress made toward meet-
18 ing the domestic strategic production objective set
19 forth in the Strategy;

20 “(2) identifies projections for production and
21 capacity installations and any problems with leasing,
22 permitting, siting, or production that may prevent
23 meeting the domestic strategic production objective
24 set forth in the Strategy; and

1 “(3) provides suggestions to address any short-
2 falls in meeting the domestic strategic production
3 objective set forth in the Strategy.

4 “(g) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—At least 60 days be-
5 fore publishing a proposed Strategy under this section, the
6 Secretary shall submit such Strategy to the President and
7 to Congress, together with any comments received from
8 States, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and local gov-
9 ernments. Such submission shall state why any specific
10 recommendation of a State, federally recognized Indian
11 Tribe, or local government was not accepted.

12 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) MULTIPLE USE.—The term ‘multiple use’
14 has the same meaning given such term in section
15 103 of the Federal Land and Policy Management
16 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

17 “(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
18 the Secretary of the Interior, unless the context re-
19 quires otherwise.

20 “(3) STRATEGY.—The term ‘Strategy’ means
21 the Quadrennial Federal Onshore Energy Produc-
22 tion Strategy required to be developed and published
23 under subsection (a).

24 “(4) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL ENERGY MIN-
25 ERALS.—The term ‘strategic and critical energy

1 minerals’ means minerals that are necessary for the
2 production of energy and the building and maintain-
3 ing of the energy infrastructure of the United
4 States, including minerals necessary—

5 “(A) for pipelines, refining capacity, elec-
6 trical power generation and transmission, and
7 renewable energy production;

8 “(B) to support domestic manufacturing,
9 including materials used in energy generation,
10 production, and transportation; and

11 “(C) to ensure the national security of the
12 United States.

13 “(5) SUSTAINED YIELD.—The term ‘sustained
14 yield’ has the same meaning given such term in sec-
15 tion 103 of the Federal Land and Policy Manage-
16 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).”.

17 (b) FIRST QUADRENNIAL STRATEGY.—Not later
18 than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act,
19 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to Congress the
20 first Quadrennial Federal Onshore Energy Production
21 Strategy under the amendment made by subsection (a).

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