



## Memorandum

TO: Coal Policy Task Force

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SUBJECT: House Passage of Reconciliation Bill - Update on Coal Specific Provisions

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Today, the House passed H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill, without changing the Senate-passed text. It now goes to President Trump for his signature.

- Bill text can be found [here](#).

### **Issues of Particular Significance to Coal Mining:**

- Section 50201 (Page 181) - Requires the Bureau of Land Management to promptly take a series of standard actions within set timeframes to issue coal leases to qualified applicants;
- Section 50202 (Page 184) - Caps the royalty rate for coal mined on federal land for new and existing mines at 7 percent through 2034;
- Section 50203 (Page 185) - Mandates coal lease sales on 4 million acres with "known recoverable coal resources." This provision addresses the cumulative impacts of federal Resource Management Plan (RMP) restrictions on coal leasing without having to overturn the RMPs individually.
- Section 50204 (Page 186) - Enable mining limited by the "checkerboard" pattern of leasing on federal, state, and private

lands.

- The bill also adds metallurgical coal to the list of critical minerals under the 45X tax credit (Page 533). For metallurgical coal, the credit is 2.5 percent. The credit for metallurgical coal runs through December 31, 2029.

## **Next Steps**

President Trump plans to sign the bill tomorrow, July 4, 2025.

The National Mining Association will work with the administration on implementation of the mining-related provisions in H.R.1.

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