



AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To end the President's War on Coal through the approval of coal leases.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

AMENDMENT N^o 5418

 By Shelby _____ . Con.
 To: Amnt. No. 5194 _____

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 AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by MR. SHELBY to
 the amendment (No. 5194) proposed by
Mr. Schumer

Viz:

- 1 At the end of part 6 of subtitle B of title V, add
- 2 the following:
- 3 **SEC. 5026** _____. **MANDATORY LEASING FOR CERTAIN**
- 4 **QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS.**
- 5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
- 6 (1) COAL LEASE.—The term “coal lease”
- 7 means a lease entered into by the United States as
- 8 lessor, through the Bureau of Land Management,
- 9 and the applicant on Bureau of Land Management
- 10 Form 3400-012.

(2) QUALIFIED APPLICATION.—The term “qualified application” means any application pending under the lease by application program administered by the Bureau of Land Management pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) and subpart 3425 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on October 1, 2021), for which the environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) has commenced.

(b) MANDATORY LEASING AND OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall promptly—

(1) with respect to each qualified application—

(A) if not previously published for public comment, publish a draft environmental assessment, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and any applicable implementing regulations;

(B) finalize the fair market value of the coal tract for which a lease by application is pending;

24 (C) take all intermediate actions necessary
25 to grant the qualified application; and

1 (D) grant the qualified application; and
2 (2) with respect to previously awarded coal
3 leases, grant any additional approvals of the Depart-
4 ment of the Interior or any bureau, agency, or divi-
5 sion of the Department of the Interior required for
6 mining activities to commence.