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H. R. 6377

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 1961

Mr. SAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

A BILL

To require an Act of Congress for public land withdrawals in excess of five thousand acres in the aggregate for any project or facility of any department or agency of the Government.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Public Land With-
4 draws Act Amendments of 1961".

5 SEC. 2. The first section of the Act entitled "An Act
6 to provide that withdrawals, reservations, or restrictions
7 of more than five thousand acres of public lands of the
8 United States for certain purposes shall not become effec-
9 tive until approved by Act of Congress, and for other pur-

1 poses", approved February 28, 1958 (72 Stat. 27; 43
2 U.S.C. 155-158), is amended by striking out "the De-
3 partment of Defense for defense purposes" and inserting
4 in lieu thereof "any department or agency of the Govern-
5 ment" and by striking out the words "in the Territories
6 of Alaska and Hawaii" in the main paragraph thereof, the
7 words "the Territories of" in the first proviso thereof, and
8 "the Territory of" in the third proviso thereof.

9 SEC. 3. Section 2 of such Act of February 28, 1958, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "SEC. 2. No public land, water, or land and water area
12 shall, except by Act of Congress, hereafter be (1) with-
13 drawn from settlement, location, sale, or entry for the use of
14 any department or agency of the Government; (2) reserved
15 for such use; or (3) restricted from operation of the mineral
16 leasing provisions of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
17 (67 Stat. 462), if such withdrawal, reservation, or restric-
18 tion would result in the withdrawal, reservation, or restric-
19 tion of more than five thousand acres in the aggregate for
20 any one project or facility of such department or agency
21 since—

22 " (a) the date of enactment of this Act with respect
23 to any defense project or facility of the Department of
24 Defense,

25 " (b) the date of enactment of the Public Land

1 Withdrawals Act Amendment of 1961 with respect to
2 any other project or facility, or

3 “(c) the last previous Act of Congress which with-
4 drew, reserved, or restricted public land, water, or land
5 and water area for such project or facility,

6 whichever is later.”