

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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

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 “American Soda Ash  
5 Competitiveness Act”.

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

7        Notwithstanding section 102(a)(9) of the Federal  
8 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
9 1701(a)(9)), section 24 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
10 U.S.C. 262), and the terms of any lease under that Act,

1 the royalty rate on the quantity or gross value of the out-  
2 put of sodium compounds and related products at the  
3 point of shipment to market from Federal land in the 5-  
4 year period beginning on the date of enactment of this  
5 Act shall be 2 percent.