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Republicans in the House of Representative have passed a bill that basically exempts silver, uranium, copper and gold mining on federal land from formal environmental assessment, consequently making it more difficult for environmental organizations to oppose new mining operations.

The HR 4402 bill passed the House by a 256-160 margin and was sponsored by Rep. Mark Amodei is the latest in GOP-led House string of favor for the industrial sector.

The bill called National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act was approved by the Republican House with 22 Democrats voting in favor of it after debates that it could be a false pro-people legislation.

According to Republicans, such changes are required to keep the US in pace with the world in terms of mineral production, which is seen as crucial not only to manufacturing industries but also to national security.

This particular bill will grant the government the power to use state assessments instead of the federal environmental review. This review will be limited to fewer numbers of months and will only be allowed for an extension if both the mining company and the government agreed on one.

Unsurprisingly, this development is greatly supported by mining companies that are vying for access to the US resources.

Its approval of the bill on Thursday will require government agencies to limit their decision-making periods in issuing mining permits to 30 months.

â€œThe whole idea of the National Environmental Protection Act is that there would be an independent review that involves public input, input from all affected interests, and input from somebody who speaks for the land, and somebody who speaks for the trees,â€• Rep. Rush Holt said.

Seventeen minerals are generally considered as â€œrare earthâ€• minerals that the bill would supposedly cover. Unfortunately, the bill appears to be vague about the coverage and could also be used on minerals in unrelated sectors.

â€œThe bill we are considering today is so broadly drafted, where apparently sand and gravel and crushed stone are considered rare and strategic, that the majority actually appears to be trying to usher in a new stone age,â€• Rep. Edward Markey said.

The House approval will send the legislation to the Senate, but it is likely to get ignored. Meanwhile, Black Hawk Mining Bulletin Articles has already expressed its strong opposition against the bill due to its environmental implications.

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