

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To confirm that hydropower is an essential renewable resource.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4753

To reform leasing, permitting, and judicial review for certain energy and minerals projects, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. DAINES (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI)

Viz:

1 At the end of title VII, add the following:

2 **SEC. 702. CONFIRMING THAT HYDROPOWER IS AN ESSEN-**
3 **TIAL RENEWABLE RESOURCE.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE USE OF HYDRO-
5 POWER RENEWABLE RESOURCES.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that—

7 (1) hydropower is a renewable resource and is
8 an essential source of energy in the United States;
9 and

10 (2) the United States should—

1 (A) protect existing hydropower resources
2 where appropriate; and

3 (B) increase the capacity and generation of
4 clean, renewable hydropower resources to sup-
5 port the reliability of the electric grid and ad-
6 dress a changing climate.

7 (b) MODIFYING DEFINITIONS OF RENEWABLE EN-
8 ERGY TO INCLUDE HYDROPOWER.—

9 (1) ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005.—Section 203
10 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15852)
11 is amended—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by amending para-
13 graphs (1) through (3) to read as follows:

14 “(1) Not less than 20 percent in fiscal years
15 2024 through 2025.

16 “(2) Not less than 23 percent in fiscal years
17 2026 through 2027.

18 “(3) Not less than 25 percent in fiscal year
19 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.”; and

20 (B) in subsection (b), by striking para-
21 graph (2) and inserting the following:

22 “(2) RENEWABLE ENERGY.—The term ‘renew-
23 able energy’ means energy produced from solar,
24 wind, biomass, landfill gas, ocean (including tidal,

1 wave, current, and thermal), geothermal, municipal
2 solid waste, or hydropower.”.

3 (2) OTHER FEDERAL REGULATIONS, ORDERS,
4 AND POLICIES.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, each Federal depart-
6 ment and agency shall submit to the Committee on
7 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and
8 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
9 House of Representatives a report demonstrating
10 that the department or agency has amended any ap-
11 plicable regulation, order, or other policy of the de-
12 partment or agency related to renewable energy to
13 ensure treatment of hydropower by the Federal Gov-
14 ernment consistent with the amendments made by
15 paragraph (1).