

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To expedite resolution of certain administrative proceedings at the
Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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 “Free to Exit Adminis-
5 trative Tribunals Act” or the “FEAT Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) COVERED ACTION.—The term “covered ac-
9 tion” means an agency proceeding that is adju-
10 dicated in the Departmental Cases Hearings Divi-

1 sion or the Interior Board of Land Appeals of the
2 Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Department
3 of the Interior.

4 (2) COVERED PARTY.—The term “covered
5 party” means a party to a covered action that—

6 (A) initiated the covered action seeking
7 Department approval to engage in conduct for
8 which Department approval is required; or

9 (B) seeks relief from any sanction or civil
10 penalty imposed on that party by the Depart-
11 ment.

12 (3) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
13 means the Department of the Interior.

14 (b) RIGHT OF REMOVAL.—In accordance with section
15 1446 of title 28, United States Code, a covered party may
16 remove to a district court of the United States of com-
17 petent jurisdiction a covered action not later than 60 days
18 after that covered action is initiated with the Department.

19 (c) REVIEW.—A covered action removed to a district
20 court of the United States under subsection (b) shall be
21 reviewed de novo.