

Calendar No. 627

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2811

To require citizens' approval of Federal Government land grabs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2008

Mr. COBURN introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

APRIL 3, 2008

Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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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 "Taxpayer Property
5 Protection Act of 2008".

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING CITIZEN APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT**
2 **LAND GRABS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c),
4 the Department of the Interior, the Department of En-
5 ergy, and the Forest Service, acting individually or in co-
6 ordination, shall not assume control of any parcel of land
7 located in a State unless the citizens of each political sub-
8 division of the State in which a portion of the parcel of
9 land is located approve the assumption of control by a ref-
10 erendum.

11 (b) NATIONAL EMERGENCIES.—The requirement de-
12 scribed in subsection (a) shall not apply in the case of
13 a national emergency, as determined by the President.

14 (c) PRIVATE LANDOWNERS.—The requirement de-
15 scribed in subsection (a) shall not apply in the case of
16 an exchange between a private landowner and the Federal
17 Government of a parcel of land.

18 (d) DURATION OF APPROVAL.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a parcel of
20 land described in subsection (a), the approval of the
21 citizens of each political subdivision in which a por-
22 tion of the parcel of land is located terminates on
23 the date that is 10 years after the date on which the
24 citizens of each political subdivision approve the con-
25 trol of the parcel of land by the Department of the

1 Interior, the Department of Energy, or the Forest
2 Service under that subsection.

3 (2) RENEWAL OF APPROVAL.—With respect to
4 a parcel of land described in subsection (a), the De-
5 partment of the Interior, the Department of Energy,
6 or the Forest Service, as applicable, may renew, by
7 referendum, the approval of the citizens of each po-
8 litical subdivision in which a portion of the parcel of
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