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# S. 621

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2011

Mr. ROCKEFELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Coal Accountability  
5       and Retired Employee Act of 2011” or the “CARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND**  
2 **RECLAMATION ACT OF 1977.**

3 Section 402(i)(2) of the Surface Mining Control and  
4 Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1232(i)(2)) is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “Subject to” and inserting the  
7 following:

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(B) EXCESS AMOUNTS.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to para-  
12 graph (3), and after all transfers referred  
13 to in paragraph (1) and subparagraph (A)  
14 of this paragraph have been made, any  
15 amounts remaining after the application of  
16 paragraph (3)(A) (without regard to this  
17 subparagraph) shall be transferred to the  
18 trustees of the 1974 UMWA Pension Plan  
19 and used solely to pay pension benefits re-  
20 quired under such plan.

21 “(ii) 1974 UMWA PENSION PLAN.—In  
22 this subparagraph, the term ‘1974 UMWA  
23 Pension Plan’ means a pension plan re-  
24 ferred to in section 9701(a)(3) of the In-  
25 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 but without  
26 regard to whether participation in such

1 plan is limited to individuals who retired in  
2 1976 and thereafter.”.

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