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Page 407, after line 25, insert the following:

SEC. 10310. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States is 100 percent import reliant on 14 minerals on the critical mineral list and more than 75 percent import reliant on an additional 10 critical minerals.

(2) China is the global leader in the production of 16 critical minerals and has near monopolies on the production of yttrium, gallium, magnesium metal, tungsten, bismuth, and rare earth elements.

(3) Foreign mineral mining and production relies on child and slave labor and does not meet the strict environmental regulations in America.

(4) Critical minerals have essential national and economic security implications, including the production of semiconductors, and are needed in greater quantity for an electrified future.

(5) The Executive Order on America’s Supply Chains February 24, 2021 seeks to identify risks in
the supply chain for critical minerals and other strategic materials like rare earth minerals.

(6) In March 2021 the Department of Agriculture withdrew the Notice of Availability and rescinded the Final Environmental Impact Study and draft Record of Decision for the proposed Resolution Copper on the Tonto National Forest.

(7) In January 2022 the Department of Interior revoked Federal leases for Twin Metals Minnesota mine.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) critical minerals are fundamentally important to the security of the American economy and defense of the American people and homeland;

(2) America’s reliance on foreign nations, including great power competitors, for mineral mining and production is a grave national security threat;

(3) domestic American mining and production is the best way for America to secure its supply chains, provide for the common defense, and promote economic prosperity; and

(4) the Administration’s attacks on mine permitting and leasing in the United States undermines American supply chain security, eliminates employ-
ment opportunities, and damages the American economy.