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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 with Carbon Cap-
5 ture and Sequestration Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the high cost of installing and using tech-
2 nology to capture carbon dioxide from coal-fueled
3 electric generating units can be mitigated by pro-
4 viding certainty, for a limited period of time, with
5 respect to revenues from the sale of captured carbon
6 dioxide;

7 (2) the volatility of crude oil prices that deter-
8 mine the price paid for carbon dioxide creates uncer-
9 tain market prices for carbon dioxide that is pur-
10 chased and used to recover crude oil or for other
11 beneficial purposes;

12 (3) assistance to stabilize the price received for
13 carbon dioxide captured during the use of coal pro-
14 vides a degree of certainty to debt providers and in-
15 vestors with respect to the revenues to be received
16 from the sale of carbon dioxide; and

17 (4) creating added certainty that captured car-
18 bon dioxide would receive a certain, agreed upon
19 price for a limited period of time would help to en-
20 sure that carbon capture and storage technology
21 would be developed and used.

22 **SEC. 3. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.**

23 (a) DEFINITION OF ELECTRIC GENERATION UNIT.—

24 In this section, the term “electric generation unit” means

1 an electric generation unit that uses coal-based generation
2 technology.

3 (b) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—Beginning on the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
5 may enter into binding contracts on behalf of the Federal
6 Government, the duration of which shall not exceed 25
7 years, with qualified parties to provide price stabilization
8 support for electricity generated at an electric generation
9 unit or carbon dioxide captured from an electric genera-
10 tion unit and sold to a purchaser for—

11 (1) the recovery of crude oil; or

12 (2) other purposes for which a commercial mar-
13 ket exists.

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