

**AMENDMENT TO S. 897**  
**OFFERED BY MR. MARKEY OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 2. HARDROCK MINING RECLAMATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Surface Mining  
3 Reclamation and Control Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1231)  
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 416. ROYALTY FOR HARDROCK MINING RECLAMA-**  
6 **TION AND MITIGATION.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall assess a roy-  
8 alty of 12.5 percent of the value of minerals produced in  
9 hardrock mining on Federal lands.

10 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts received by the Sec-  
11 retary as a royalty under this section shall be used by the  
12 Secretary, subject to the availability of appropriations, for  
13 reclamation and remediation of abandoned hardrock mine  
14 lands.

15 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue regu-  
16 lations to implement this section”.

17 (b) APPLICATION.—The royalty established by the  
18 amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply only with  
19 respect to mining claims located after the date of enact-  
20 ment of this Act.

1           (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
2 in the first section of such Act is amended by adding at  
3 the end of the items relating to such title the following:

“Sec. 416. Royalty for hardrock mining reclamation and mitigation.”.

