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Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, along with 15 other senators have submitted the latest round of legislation outlining a comprehensive minerals policy for the United States. The new bill, S.\_\_\_ the Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2013, calls for the Department of the Interior to establish a list of critical minerals for the U.S. economy, increases international cooperation, creates a recycling program for critical minerals, and calls for research into potential substitutes. For more information on the bill, please click here. Sources: The Government Printing Office, the U.S. Senate