

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 112-24
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY

Add at the end the following:

1 **TITLE _____ —MISCELLANEOUS**
2 **PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. ____ 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW LEASES AND THE TRANS-**
4 **FER OF LEASES.**

5 (a) ISSUANCE OF NEW LEASES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
7 rior shall not offer new leases under a plan required
8 by subsection (k) of section 161 of the Energy Pol-
9 icy and Conservation Act, as amended by section
10 102 of this Act, to a person described in paragraph
11 (2) unless the person has renegotiated each covered
12 lease with respect to which the person is a lessee, to
13 modify the payment responsibilities of the person to
14 require the payment of royalties if the price of oil
15 and natural gas is greater than or equal to the price
16 thresholds described in clauses (v) through (vii) of
17 section 8(a)(3)(C) of the Outer Continental Shelf
18 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(3)(C)).

1 (2) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A person referred
2 to in paragraph (1) is a person that—

3 (A) is a lessee that—

4 (i) holds a covered lease on the date
5 on which the Secretary considers the
6 issuance of the new lease; or

7 (ii) was issued a covered lease before
8 the date of enactment of this Act, but
9 transferred the covered lease to another
10 person or entity (including a subsidiary or
11 affiliate of the lessee) after the date of en-
12 actment of this Act; or

13 (B) any other person that has any direct
14 or indirect interest in, or that derives any ben-
15 efit from, a covered lease.

16 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) COVERED LEASE.—The term “covered
18 lease” means a lease for oil or gas production in the
19 Gulf of Mexico that is—

20 (A) in existence on the date of enactment
21 of this Act;

22 (B) issued by the Department of the Inte-
23 rior under section 304 of the Outer Continental
24 Shelf Deep Water Royalty Relief Act (43
25 U.S.C. 1337 note; Public Law 104–58); and

1 (C) not subject to limitations on royalty re-
2 lief based on market price that are equal to or
3 less than the price thresholds described in
4 clauses (v) through (vii) of section 8(a)(3)(C) of
5 the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
6 U.S.C. 1337(a)(3)(C)).

7 (2) LESSEE.—The term “lessee” includes any
8 person or other entity that controls, is controlled by,
9 or is in or under common control with, a lessee.

10 (3) NEW LEASE.—The term “new lease” means
11 a lease issued in a lease sale under this Act, the
12 amendments made by this Act, or any plan, strat-
13 egy, or program under this Act.

