

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1644, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. LOWENTHAL OF CALIFORNIA**

In section 3, in the amendatory material pertaining  
to section 722, before the end quote, add the following:

1       “(e) LIMITATION.—This section shall have no force  
2 or effect if the National Academy of Sciences finds, based  
3 on peer-reviewed scientific research, that new regulations  
4 relating to stream buffer zone or stream protection are  
5 necessary to reduce the incidence or prevalence of lung  
6 cancer, heart or kidney disease, or birth defects in commu-  
7 nities in the vicinity of mountaintop removal coal mining  
8 projects.

