

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE H.R. 8
OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO

In subtitle A of title IV, add at the end the following
new chapter:

1 CHAPTER 8—SURFACE ESTATE OWNER

2 NOTIFICATION

3 SEC. 4181. SURFACE ESTATE OWNER NOTIFICATION.

4 The Secretary of the Interior shall—

5 (1) notify surface estate owners and all owners
6 of land located within 1 mile of a proposed oil or gas
7 lease tract in writing at least 45 days in advance of
8 lease sales;

9 (2) within 10 working days after a lease is
10 issued, notify surface estate owners and all owners
11 of land located within 1 mile of a lease tract, regard-
12 ing the identity of the lessee;

13 (3) notify surface estate owners and all owners
14 of land located within 1 mile of a lease tract in writ-
15 ing within 10 working days concerning any subse-
16 quent decisions regarding the lease, such as modi-
17 fying or waiving stipulations and approving rights-
18 of-way; and

1 (4) notify surface estate owners and all owners
2 of land located within 1 mile of a lease tract, within
3 5 business days after issuance of a drilling permit
4 under a lease.

