AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1937, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA

Page 12, after line 21, insert the following:

(k) Royalty.—

(1) In general.—The lead agency with responsibility for issuing a mineral exploration or mine permit for hardrock minerals on Federal land after the date of enactment of this Act shall require a royalty payment to the United States of 8 percent of the value of the minerals produced pursuant to the permit. Amounts received by the United States as such royalties may be used by the Secretary of the Interior, subject to the availability of appropriations and in addition to amounts otherwise available, for abandoned hardrock mine lands reclamation.

(2) Limitation.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to any mineral production for which any royalty is required to be paid under any other provision of Federal law.