AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5376
OFFERED BY MR. BUDD OF NORTH CAROLINA

Strike section 50262 and insert the following:

1 SEC. 50262. PERMIT TO DRILL ACCELERATION.

Section 17(p) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226(p)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) DEADLINE FOR DECISION ON PERMITS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue a decision on a permit not later than 90 days after the applicant for a permit has submitted a complete application if the Secretary—

“(i) has not yet issued or deferred the permit under paragraph (2) within the 30-day period specified in such paragraph; or

“(ii) has deferred the permit under paragraph (2)(B), and there are no steps the applicant is required to take for the
permit to be issued pursuant to paragraph (2)(B)(i).

“(B) MANDATORY ISSUANCE.—If the Secretary does not issue a decision under subparagraph (A) within the 90-day period specified in such subparagraph, the permit shall be considered issued.”.