AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

FOR H.R. 2231

OFFERED BY MR. COHEN OF TENNESSEE

Add at the end the following:

TITLE ____—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. ___. REQUIREMENT TO USE U.S.-FLAG VESSELS.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior shall include in each lease issued under this Act or under an oil and gas leasing program issued under this Act a requirement that all vessels used for exploration, development, and production of oil and gas under the lease must be documented under the laws of the United States.

(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may waive subsection (a) for a lessee if the Secretary of the Interior finds that a vessel documented under the laws of the United States is not available within the time needed to meet the requirements in the primary term of the lease or of sufficient quality to perform drilling operations required under a contract.