

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 2231
OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA**

Page 11, beginning at line 3, strike section 204 and
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 204. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL**
2 **POLICY ACT OF 1969.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The head of any Federal agency
4 shall treat the issuance of any exploration plans, develop-
5 ment production plans, development operation coordina-
6 tion documents, and lease sales required under Federal
7 law for offshore drilling activity on the outer Continental
8 Shelf under an oil and gas lease issued under this Act
9 or any oil and gas leasing program issued under this Act,
10 as a major Federal action significantly affecting the qual-
11 ity of the human environment for the purposes of section
12 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969,
13 and requiring detailed environmental analysis of such pro-
14 posed actions and reasonably foreseeable subsequent ac-
15 tions.

16 (b) 30-DAY DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF EXPLO-
17 RATION ACTIVITIES NOT APPLICABLE.—Section 11(c)(1)
18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.

1 1340(c)(1)) shall be applied with respect to leases referred
2 to in subsection (a) by striking “The Secretary shall ap-
3 prove such plan, as submitted or modified, within thirty
4 days of its submission, except that the” and by inserting
5 “The”.

6 (c) ADJUSTMENT OF REVENUE SHARING REQUIRE-
7 MENT.—

8 (1) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—Title III
9 and the amendments made by such title shall not
10 apply before the date of the completion of all Fed-
11 eral agency action required under subsection (a).

12 (2) REDUCTION IN REVENUE SHARING PAY-
13 MENTS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall reduce
14 the percentages set forth in subsection (a) of section
15 9 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43
16 U.S.C. 1338), as amended by this Act, as necessary
17 to reduce payments to coastal States under that sub-
18 section by a total amount equal to the amount of
19 revenue that will not be received by the United
20 States as a result of the application of subsection (a)
21 of this section.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “off-
23 shore drilling activity”—

24 (1) means drilling for oil or gas, or conducting
25 a major geophysical seismic survey; and

- 1 (2) includes such drilling or surveying for explo-
- 2 ration, development, or production.

