

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 761
OFFERED BY MR. DEFAZIO OF OREGON**

Page 9, after line 8, insert the following new sub-section:

1 (j) ROYALTY.—

2 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The lead agency with re-
3 sponsibility for issuing a mineral exploration or mine
4 permit for hardrock minerals on Federal land after
5 the date of enactment of this Act shall require a roy-
6 alty payment—

7 (A) of 4 percent of the gross income
8 earned from minerals produced pursuant to the
9 permit, in the case of a permit for mining oper-
10 ations begun before the date of the enactment
11 of this Act; and

12 (B) of 8 percent of the gross income
13 earned from minerals produced pursuant to the
14 permit, in the case of a permit for mining oper-
15 ations begun on or after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act.

17 (2) USE.—Amounts received by the United
18 States as such royalties shall be used by the Sec-

- 1 retary of the Interior, subject to the availability of
- 2 appropriations, for abandoned mine reclamation.

