

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18___. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR LEASING FOR**
2 **QUALIFIED COAL APPLICATIONS.**

3 (a) LEASING FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED COAL APPLI-
4 CATIONS.—

5 (1) MANDATORY LEASING AND OTHER RE-
6 QUIRED APPROVALS.—As soon as practicable after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of the Interior shall promptly—

9 (A) with respect to each qualified applica-
10 tion—

11 (i) if not previously published for pub-
12 lic comment, publish a draft environmental
13 assessment, as required under the National
14 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
15 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and any applicable
16 implementing regulations;

1 (ii) finalize the fair market value of
2 the coal tract for which a lease by applica-
3 tion is pending;

4 (iii) take all intermediate actions nec-
5 essary to grant the qualified application;
6 and

7 (iv) grant the qualified application;
8 and

9 (B) with respect to previously awarded coal
10 leases, grant any additional approvals of the
11 Department of the Interior or any bureau,
12 agency, or division of the Department of the In-
13 terior required for mining activities to com-
14 mence.

15 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16 (A) The term “coal lease” means a lease
17 entered into by the United States as lessor,
18 through the Bureau of Land Management, and
19 the applicant on Bureau of Land Management
20 Form 3400–012.

21 (B) The term “qualified application”
22 means any application pending under the lease
23 by application program administered by the Bu-
24 reau of Land Management pursuant to the
25 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.)

1 and subpart 3425 of title 43, Code of Federal
2 Regulations (as in effect on the date of the en-
3 actment of this Act), for which the environ-
4 mental review process under the National Envi-
5 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
6 et seq.) has commenced.

7 (b) FUTURE COAL LEASING.—Notwithstanding any
8 judicial decision to the contrary or a departmental review
9 of the Federal coal leasing program, Secretarial Order
10 3338, issued by the Secretary of the Interior on January
11 15, 2016, shall have no force or effect.

