

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 761, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA**

At the end of title I (page 12, after line 2) add the following:

1 **SEC. __01. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF**
2 **MINERAL EXPLORATION OR MINE PERMIT.**

3 (a) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The lead agency with re-
5 sponsibility for issuing a mineral exploration or mine
6 permit may not issue such permit until the applicant
7 for the permit has fully reimbursed the United
8 States, each State, and each Indian tribe for all
9 costs incurred by the United States, such State, and
10 such tribe, respectively, for issuance of the permit.

11 (2) COSTS INCLUDED.—Such reimbursement
12 shall include—

13 (A) costs of all Federal, State, and tribal
14 reviews and approvals required for the permit;
15 and

16 (B) contracting costs and salaries (includ-
17 ing benefits) for State and Federal employees.

18 (b) CONDUCT OF REVIEWS BY STATES.—A State
19 that, under authority delegated to the State under Federal

1 law, performs any function required for the issuance of
2 a mineral exploration or mine permit shall perform such
3 function in accordance with all requirements that would
4 apply under the National Environmental Policy Act of
5 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) to performance of such
6 function by a Federal agency.

7 (c) EXTENSION OF TIME LIMITS.—Any period of
8 time established by Federal law for the issuance of a min-
9 eral exploration or mine permit shall be extended by the
10 period of any delay in such issuance that is attributable
11 to a failure of the permit applicant to timely complete any
12 action required for such issuance, including any failure to
13 timely submit any request or payment.

