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:

SEC. 01. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF MINERAL EXPLORATION OR MINE PERMIT.

(a) Recovery of Costs.—

(1) In general.—The lead agency with responsibility for issuing a mineral exploration or mine permit may not issue such permit until the applicant for the permit has fully reimbursed the United States, each State, and each Indian tribe for all costs incurred by the United States, such State, and such tribe, respectively, for issuance of the permit.

(2) Costs included.—Such reimbursement shall include—

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

(B) contracting costs and salaries (including benefits) for State and Federal employees.

(b) Conduct of Reviews by States.—A State that, under authority delegated to the State under Federal
law, performs any function required for the issuance of
a mineral exploration or mine permit shall perform such
function in accordance with all requirements that would
apply under the National Environmental Policy Act of
1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) to performance of such
function by a Federal agency.

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