AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY

Page 954, after line 19, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 176 . PRODUCTION INCENTIVE FEE.

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior shall include in each oil and gas lease issued under this subtitle (including the amendments made by this subtitle) an annual production incentive fee with respect to submerged lands that are subject to a lease under which production is not occurring.

3 (b) AMOUNT.—The amount of the fee shall be, for each acre of submerged land from which oil or natural gas is produced under a lease for less than 90 days in a calendar year—

4 (1) for each of the third, fourth, and fifth years of the lease, $4 per acre in 2012 dollars;

5 (2) for the sixth year of the lease, $6 per acre in 2012 dollars; and

6 (3) for the seventh year of the lease and each year thereafter for which the lease is otherwise in effect, $8 per acre in 2012 dollars.
(c) Assessment and Collection.—The Secretary shall assess and collect the fee established under this section.

(d) Deposit.—Amounts received by the United States as the fee under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.