

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1449, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 4, strike lines 17 through 23 and insert the following:

1           “(2) DECISION.—Not later than 30 days after  
2           the date on which an applicant submits a complete  
3           application for a geothermal drilling permit under  
4           paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

5                   “(A) grant or deny the application, if the  
6                   requirements under the National Environmental  
7                   Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)  
8                   and any other applicable law have been com-  
9                   pleted; or

10                   “(B) defer the decision on the application  
11                   and provide to the applicant notice—

12                           “(i) that specifies steps that the appli-  
13                           cant can take for the decision on the appli-  
14                           cation to be issued; and

15                           “(ii) of a list of actions that need to  
16                           be taken by the agency in order to comply  
17                           with applicable law, and timelines and  
18                           deadlines for completing those actions.”.

