

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 2824**

OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY

Protecting Public Health

Page 3, after line 20, add the following:

1 (c) LIMITATION.—This section, and the provisions of
2 law enacted by the amendment made by this section, shall
3 have no force or effect if the Secretary of the Interior
4 finds, based on peer-reviewed scientific research, that new
5 regulations relating to stream buffer zones or stream pro-
6 tection are necessary to reduce the incidences of lung can-
7 cer, heart or kidney disease, or birth defects in commu-
8 nities in the vicinity of mountaintop removal coal mining
9 projects.

