

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4776, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF NEVADA

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. 4. PARITY.

2 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR PARITY.—The Secretary of
3 the Interior shall ensure that no category or specific type
4 of energy project on Federal land or which requires Fed-
5 eral review is subject to more arbitrarily restrictive or bur-
6 densome procedural requirements than other types of en-
7 ergy projects regarding the processing and denial of appli-
8 cations, authorizations, or related approvals, including—

9 (1) requirements for elevated or discretionary
10 review by the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, other po-
11 litical appointees, or career employees;

12 (2) additional documentation or review for en-
13 ergy projects that are not oil, gas, or coal projects
14 not required for oil, gas, or coal projects;

15 (3) withholding, delaying, or reversing decisions
16 by local, State, or regional entities for energy
17 projects that are not oil, gas, or coal projects for
18 reasons not applied to oil, gas or coal projects; and

19 (4) denial or delay of routine administrative au-
20 thorizations, such as testing permits, cost recovery

1 agreements, or notices to proceed once all criteria
2 have been met for approval, based on underlying
3 technology.

4 (b) **POLICY REVIEW.**—Not later than 90 days after
5 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of the
6 Interior shall—

7 (1) review all applicable regulations, guidance
8 documents, policy manuals, departmental directives,
9 Secretarial orders, and other procedures regarding
10 energy projects; and

11 (2) identify any provision of such regulations,
12 documents, manuals, directives, orders, and proce-
13 dures not otherwise required in statute that do not
14 comply with the requirements in subsection (a).

15 (c) **RESCISSION.**—Not later than 120 days after the
16 date of enactment of this section, and without delay, the
17 Secretary of the Interior shall rescind and amend as nec-
18 essary any provision identified under subsection (b)(2).

