

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 351
OFFERED BY MR. REED OF NEW YORK

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 4. FEE.**

2 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
3 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall
4 submit to Congress a report that—

5 (1) describes the transportation infrastructure
6 costs that result from the export of natural gas ex-
7 tracted from Federal lands; and

8 (2) provides recommendations for the establish-
9 ment of a fee to assist in defraying such costs.

10 (b) FEE ESTABLISHMENT.—

11 (1) AUTHORITY.—Not later than 18 months
12 after the date on which the Secretary submits to
13 Congress the report under subsection (a), the Sec-
14 retary shall establish and begin the collection of a
15 fee to assist in defraying the transportation infra-
16 structure costs that result from the export of natural
17 gas extracted from Federal lands.

18 (2) COLLECTION.—The fee established under
19 paragraph (1) shall be collected—

1 (A) from each entity that transports nat-
2 ural gas extracted from Federal lands from a
3 point in the United States to a point outside
4 the United States; and

5 (B) at the port, terminal, or other location
6 from which such natural gas leaves the United
7 States.

8 (3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In establishing the fee
9 under paragraph (1), the Secretary, in consultation
10 with the Energy Information Administration, shall
11 ensure that the fee—

12 (A) is based on the transportation infra-
13 structure costs that result each year from the
14 export of natural gas extracted from Federal
15 lands;

16 (B) is in an amount that allows such nat-
17 ural gas to remain competitive in the world
18 market; and

19 (C) is not based on the value or quantity
20 of the natural gas that is transported.

21 (4) ADJUSTMENT.—Every 90 days, the Sec-
22 retary, in consultation with the Energy Information
23 Administration, shall study and, if necessary, adjust
24 the fee established under paragraph (1) to ensure

1 that the fee satisfies subparagraphs (A), (B), and
2 (C) of paragraph (3).

3 (c) FEE PROCEEDS.—All proceeds from the fee col-
4 lected under subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Treas-
5 ury.

6 (d) HIGHWAY TRUST FUND.—Section 9503 of the
7 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at
8 the end the following:

9 “(g) FURTHER INCREASE IN FUND BALANCE.—
10 There are hereby appropriated to the Highway Account
11 (as defined in subsection (e)(5)(B)) in the Highway Trust
12 Fund amounts equivalent to the amounts deposited in the
13 Treasury under section 4(c) of the Domestic Prosperity
14 and Global Freedom Act.”.

15 (e) TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS DE-
16 FINED.—In this section, the term “transportation infra-
17 structure costs” means costs with respect to transpor-
18 tation infrastructure of a type that is eligible to be con-
19 structed or otherwise assisted with amounts made avail-
20 able from the Highway Trust Fund.

