

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1
OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

Insert after section 10006 the following:

1 **SEC. 10007. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE GREAT**
2 **LAKES.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The Great Lakes provide drinking water for
5 more than 30 million people.

6 (2) With Canada, the United States is obligated
7 to protect the Great Lakes under the authority of
8 the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water
9 Resources Compact, international treaties, and do-
10 mestic law.

11 (3) The Great Lakes are a major economic
12 driver for the regional economies of bordering
13 States.

14 (4) According to the National Oceanic and At-
15 mospheric Administration, the Great Lakes maritime
16 economy is estimated to support more than 311,000
17 jobs.

18 (5) According to the Department of Transpor-
19 tation, the Great Lakes support more than
20 \$35,000,000,000 in waterborne commerce annually.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that, in light of the Great Lakes serving as a major
3 source of safe drinking water for 30,000,000 people and
4 a critical economic driver for the entire region, the Federal
5 Government should not allow the exploration, develop-
6 ment, or production of oil or natural gas in the Great
7 Lakes.

