AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7688
OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER OF MINNESOTA

Add at the end the following:

SEC. 3. OFFSHORE LEASE SALES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct all lease sales described in the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (November 2016) that have not been conducted as of the date of enactment of this Act by not later than December 31, 2022.

(b) GULF OF MEXICO REGION ANNUAL LEASE SALES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning in fiscal year 2022, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a minimum of 2 region-wide oil and natural gas lease sales annually in the Gulf of Mexico Region of the outer Continental Shelf, which shall include the following areas described the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (November 2016):

(1) The Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area.

(2) The Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area.

(c) ALASKA REGION ANNUAL LEASE SALES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning in fis-
cal year 2022, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct
a minimum of 2 region-wide oil and natural gas lease sales
annually in the Alaska Region of the outer Continental
Shelf, as described the 2017–2022 Outer Continental
Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Final Program (No-

(d) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting lease sales
under subsections (b) and (c) the Secretary of the Interior
shall—

(1) issue leases to the highest responsible qual-
ified bidder or bidders; and

(2) include in each lease sale all unleased areas
that are not subject to restrictions as of the date of
the lease sale.

(e) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS
LEASING PROGRAM.—Section 18 of the Outer Continental
Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1344) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence of the
matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “sub-
sections (c) and (d) of this section” and inserting
“subsections (c) through (f)”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (f) through (h)
as subsections (g) through (i), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
lowing:
“(f) SUBSEQUENT LEASING PROGRAMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 36 months after conducting the first lease sale under an oil and gas leasing program prepared pursuant to this section, the Secretary shall begin preparing the subsequent oil and gas leasing program under this section.

“(2) REQUIREMENT.—Each subsequent oil and gas leasing program under this section shall be approved not later than 180 days before the expiration of the previous oil and gas leasing program.”.