

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED
REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. TONKO OF NEW YORK**

At the end of title I add the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . DILIGENT EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT RE-**
2 **QUIRED FOR A LEASE-EXTENSION.**

3 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
4 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall issue and
5 begin implementing regulations that—

6 (1) prohibit extension of the term of a Federal
7 oil and gas lease for any tract of onshore or offshore
8 Federal lands or submerged lands, unless the holder
9 of the lease demonstrates to the Secretary diligent
10 exploration and development under the lease; and

11 (2) require forfeiture of such a lease upon the
12 expiration of its term if such diligent exploration
13 and development is not demonstrated.

