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:

SEC. ___ . DILIGENT EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED FOR A LEASE-EXTENSION.

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

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

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