

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 2728
OFFERED BY MR. VEASEY OF TEXAS**

At the end of title I (page 3, after line 4) add the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON HYDRAULIC**
2 **FRACTURING BEST PRACTICES.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of the Interior,
4 in cooperation with other State and Federal officials and
5 authorities, private industry, and academic officials, shall
6 establish a task force to facilitate and support the develop-
7 ment of a voluntary, industry-led set of standards, guide-
8 lines, best practices, methodologies, procedures, and pro-
9 cesses for—

10 (1) geologic and hydrologic mapping and risk
11 analysis to demonstrate geologic suitability;

12 (2) construction, cementing, and casing of wells
13 that undergo hydraulic fracturing;

14 (3) robust operating and monitoring require-
15 ments;

16 (4) general water management associated with
17 hydraulic fracturing, including flowback and pro-
18 duced water recycling;

1 (5) practices for mitigating surface impacts as-
2 sociated with hydraulic fracturing; and

3 (6) environmental protection for gas production
4 operations and leases.

5 (b) LIMITATION.—Any set of standards, guideline,
6 best practices, methodologies, procedures, or processes
7 adopted by the task force shall not prescribe or otherwise
8 require—

9 (1) the use of specific solutions;

10 (2) the use of specific technology products or
11 services; or

12 (3) that products or services be designed, devel-
13 oped, or manufactured in a particular manner.

14 (c) DIRECTION AND CONTROL.—The task force shall
15 be under the direction of the Secretary, or the Secretary's
16 designee.

17 (d) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall be composed
18 of an equal number of Federal, State, industry, and aca-
19 demic representatives.

