

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 761, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. DEFAZIO OF OREGON**

Page 10, after line 22, insert the following new sub-section:

1 (j) ROYALTY.—The lead agency with responsibility
2 for issuing a mineral exploration or mine permit for
3 hardrock minerals on Federal land after the date of enact-
4 ment of this Act shall require a royalty payment of 8 per-
5 cent of the net smelter return for minerals produced pur-
6 suant to the permit. Amounts received by the United
7 States as such royalties shall be available to the Secretary
8 of the Interior, subject to the availability of appropriations
9 and in addition to amounts otherwise available, for aban-
10 doned hardrock mine lands reclamation.

