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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2262, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. STUPAK OF MICHIGAN**

At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following
new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . LIMITATION ON ISSUING PATENTS AND MINING**
2 **OPERATIONS PERMITS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—After the date of enactment of
4 this Act, no patent shall be issued by the United States
5 for any mining claim located under the general mining
6 laws, and no permit shall be issued authorizing mining op-
7 erations under any mining claim for Federal lands, for any
8 sulfide ore body located within 25 miles of any of the
9 Great Lakes.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

11 (1) the term “Great Lakes” means Lake On-
12 tario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron (including Lake St.
13 Clair), Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior, and the
14 connecting channels (Saint Mary’s River, Saint Clair
15 River, Detroit River, Niagara River, and Saint Law-
16 rence River to the Canadian Border); and

17 (2) term “sulfide ore body” means a mineral
18 deposit in which metals are mixed with sulfide min-
19 erals.