

17. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGELL  
OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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**AMENDMENT TO  
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 112-24  
OFFERED BY MR. RIGELL OF VIRGINIA**

Add at the end the following:

1     **TITLE \_\_\_\_—MISCELLANEOUS**  
2                     **PROVISIONS**

3     **SEC. \_\_01. LEASE SALE 220 AND OTHER LEASE SALES OFF**  
4                     **THE COAST OF VIRGINIA.**

5             (a) INCLUSION IN LEASING PROGRAMS.—The Sec-  
6     retary of the Interior shall—

7                     (1) upon enactment of this Act, revise the pro-  
8     posed Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing  
9     program for the 2012–2017 period to include in  
10    such program Lease Sale 220 off the coast of Vir-  
11    ginia; and

12                    (2) include the Outer Continental Shelf off the  
13    coast of Virginia in the leasing program for each 5-  
14    year period after the 2012–2017 period.

15             (b) CONDUCT OF LEASE SALE.—As soon as prac-  
16    ticable, but not later than 1 year after the date of enact-  
17    ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall carry  
18    out under section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands  
19    Act (43 U.S.C. 1337) Lease Sale 220.

1 (c) BALANCING MILITARY AND ENERGY PRODUC-  
2 TION GOALS.—

3 (1) JOINT GOALS.—In recognition that the  
4 Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing program  
5 and the domestic energy resources produced there-  
6 from are integral to national security, the Secretary  
7 of the Interior and the Secretary of Defense shall  
8 work jointly in implementing this section in order to  
9 ensure achievement of the following common goals:

10 (A) Preserving the ability of the Armed  
11 Forces of the United States to maintain an op-  
12 timum state of readiness through their contin-  
13 ued use of the Outer Continental Shelf.

14 (B) Allowing effective exploration, develop-  
15 ment, and production of our Nation's oil, gas,  
16 and renewable energy resources.

17 (2) PROHIBITION ON CONFLICTS WITH MILI-  
18 TARY OPERATIONS.—No person may engage in any  
19 exploration, development, or production of oil or nat-  
20 ural gas off the coast of Virginia that would conflict  
21 with any military operation, as determined in ac-  
22 cordance with the Memorandum of Agreement be-  
23 tween the Department of Defense and the Depart-  
24 ment of the Interior on Mutual Concerns on the  
25 Outer Continental Shelf signed July 20, 1983, and

1 any revision or replacement for that agreement that  
2 is agreed to by the Secretary of Defense and the  
3 Secretary of the Interior after that date but before  
4 the date of issuance of the lease under which such  
5 exploration, development, or production is con-  
6 ducted.

7 (3) NATIONAL DEFENSE AREAS.—The United  
8 States reserves the right to designate by and  
9 through the Secretary of Defense, with the approval  
10 of the President, national defense areas on the  
11 Outer Continental Shelf pursuant to section 12(d) of  
12 the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.  
13 1341(d)).

