

16. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HASTINGS OF WASHINGTON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 7  
OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF WASHINGTON**

At the end of title XVII add the following:

1 **Subtitle D—Streamlining Federal**  
2 **Review To Facilitate Renewable**  
3 **Energy Projects**

4 **SEC. 17801. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This subtitle may be cited as the “Cutting Federal  
6 Red Tape to Facilitate Renewable Energy Act”.

7 **SEC. 17802. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR RENEWABLE**  
8 **ENERGY PROJECTS.**

9 (a) **COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA FOR RENEWABLE EN-**  
10 **ERGY PROJECTS.**—In complying with the National Envi-  
11 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (41 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)  
12 with respect to any action authorizing or facilitating a pro-  
13 posed renewable energy project, at the election of the ap-  
14 plicant a Federal agency shall—

15 (1) consider only the proposed action and the  
16 no action alternative;

17 (2) analyze only the proposed action and the no  
18 action alternative; and

1           (3) identify and analyze potential mitigation  
2           measures only for the proposed action and the no  
3           action alternative.

4           (b) PUBLIC COMMENT.—In complying with the Na-  
5           tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to  
6           a proposed renewable energy project, a Federal agency  
7           shall only consider public comments that specifically ad-  
8           dress the proposed action or the no action alternative (or  
9           both) and are filed within 30 days after publication of a  
10          draft environmental assessment or draft environmental  
11          impact statement.

12          (c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

13           (1) FEDERAL WATERS.—The term “Federal  
14           waters” means waters seaward of the coastal zone  
15           (as that term is defined in section 304 of the Coast-  
16           al Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C.  
17           1453)), to the limits of the exclusive economic zone  
18           or the Outer Continental Shelf, whichever is farther.

19           (2) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—The term  
20           “Outer Continental Shelf” has the meaning the term  
21           “outer Continental Shelf” has in the Outer Conti-  
22           nental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.).

23           (3) RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT.—The term  
24           “renewable energy project” means a project on Fed-  
25           eral lands or in Federal waters, including a project

1 on the Outer Continental Shelf, using wind, solar  
2 power, geothermal power, biomass, or marine and  
3 hydrokinetic energy to generate energy, that is con-  
4 structed encouraging the use of equipment and ma-  
5 terials manufactured in the United States.

