

AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R.

5376

OFFERED BY MR. BUDD OF NORTH CAROLINA

Strike section 50262 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 50262. PERMIT TO DRILL ACCELERATION.**

2 Section 17(p) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
3 226(p)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para
5 graph (4); and

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(3) DEADLINE FOR DECISION ON PERMITS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
10 issue a decision on a permit not later than 90
11 days after the applicant for a permit has sub-
12 mitted a complete application if the Secretary—

13 “(i) has not yet issued or deferred the
14 permit under paragraph (2) within the 30-
15 day period specified in such paragraph; or

16 “(ii) has deferred the permit under
17 paragraph (2)(B), and there are no steps
18 the applicant is required to take for the

1 permit to be issued pursuant to paragraph
2 (2)(B)(i).

3 “(B) MANDATORY ISSUANCE.—If the Sec-
4 retary does not issue a decision under subpara-
5 graph (A) within the 90-day period specified in
6 such subparagraph, the permit shall be consid-
7 ered issued.”.

