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H.R. 1467

To provide for the continuance of oil and gas operations pursuant to certain existing leases in the Wayne National Forest.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 1997

Mr. NEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ELECTION TO CONTINUE OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS UNDER CERTAIN EXISTING LEASES.

In the case of the Wayne National Forest, an election under section 17(b)(3) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 226(b)(3)), including an election made before the date of enactment of this Act, shall be deemed to be an election to continue operations pursuant to the existing lease instead of an election to continue the lease as a non-

competitive lease under section 17(c)(1) of that Act, and in the case of any such election, the provisions of subparagraphs (C) and (D) of such section 17(b)(3) shall not apply. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any lands subject to an election made by a leaseholder under such section 17(b)(3) before the date of enactment of this Act if the lease holder notifies the Secretary of the Interior (within 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act) that the leaseholder intends such election to remain an election to continue the lease as a noncompetitive lease under section 17(c)(1) of that Act.

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