

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1937**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GALLEGO OF ARIZONA**

Page 7, after line 18, insert the following:

1           (3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—Notwithstanding  
2 paragraph (1) or any other provision of this Act—

3           (A) nothing in this Act shall be construed  
4 to limit or authorize limiting public participa-  
5 tion in the consideration of the issuance of any  
6 mineral exploration or mine permit or the op-  
7 portunity for public input in that consideration;  
8 and

9           (B) all issues raised by the public in such  
10 consideration shall be addressed as required  
11 under the National Environmental Policy Act of  
12 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq).

