

Bentz #4

**Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3587
Offered by Mr. Bentz**

pg. 12, line 1, following subsection (a), insert –

“(b) Timeline for Consultation.—

“(i) In General. –Agencies should integrate the Tribal consultation process with other planning and authorization processes at the earliest reasonable time to ensure that agencies consider Tribal impacts in their planning and decisions, to avoid delays later in the process, and to head off potential conflicts.

“(ii) Timeliness.—Each agency shall, in consultation with Tribes and impacted public and private sector stakeholders, establish a Tribal consultation timeline for covered activities, or types of activities, which shall include the maximum number of days reasonably needed to expeditiously complete the consultation process. The Tribal consultation process required under this Act shall be considered to be complete no later than the last day outlined in an agency’s timeline for consultation for the covered activity or type of activity.”

On pages 12 through 14, renumber sections (b) through (g) as (c) through (h).