

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

On page 6 –

Strike lines 1 and 2;

On lines 3 through 10, renumber subsections (A) through (D) as subsections (i) through (iv); and

Insert on line 1—

“(4) Covered Activity.—

“(A) In General.—The term ‘covered activity’ means a project that—”

On page 6, following line 11, insert the following –

“(B) Exceptions.—The term ‘covered activity’ does not include a project or activity that would reduce American reliance on foreign nations, such as (but not limited to) Russia, China, Iran or Venezuela, for energy, minerals or related products that can be produced in the United States.

Including but not limited to –

“(i) projects that will increase domestic oil and natural gas supply or production;

“(ii) projects that will increase domestic hardrock minerals supply or production;

“(iii) onshore leasing, permitting, and related infrastructure projects, including the processing and approval of leases, permits and rights-of-way, conducted in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act and the other mineral leasing laws;

“(iv) offshore oil and gas leasing, permitting, and related infrastructure projects, including the processing and approval of leases, permits, and rights-of-way, conducted in accordance with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.);

“(v) hardrock mineral leasing, permitting and related infrastructure projects, including the issuance of claims, conducted in accordance with the General Mining Act or the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands Act; or

“(vi) Any other activities the Lead Agency may determine will promote domestic energy and mineral production, reduce, or replace the need for current imports of energy, minerals or related products from a foreign nation.”