

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6771
OFFERED BY MS. CHENEY OF WYOMING

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO STATES OF PROPERTY INTEREST**
2 **IN STATE SHARE OF ROYALTIES AND OTHER**
3 **PAYMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 35 of the Mineral Leasing
5 Act (30 U.S.C. 191) is amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by
7 striking “shall be paid into the Treasury” and in-
8 serting “shall, except as provided in subsection (b),
9 be paid into the Treasury”;

10 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(b) CONVEYANCE TO STATES OF PROPERTY INTER-
13 EST IN STATE SHARE.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, on request of a State and in lieu
16 of any payments to the State under subsection (a),
17 the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to the
18 State all right, title, and interest in and to the per-
19 centage specified in that subsection for that State of
20 all amounts otherwise required to be paid into the

1 Treasury under that subsection from sales, bonuses,
2 royalties (including interest charges), and rentals for
3 all public land or deposits located in the State.

4 “(2) AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding any other
5 provision of law, after a conveyance to a State under
6 paragraph (1), any person shall pay directly to the
7 State any amount owed by the person for which the
8 right, title, and interest has been conveyed to the
9 State under this subsection.

10 “(3) NOTICE.—The Secretary of the Interior
11 shall promptly provide to each holder of a lease of
12 public land to which subsection (a) applies that are
13 located in a State to which right, title, and interest
14 is conveyed under this subsection notice that—

15 “(A) the Secretary of the Interior has con-
16 veyed to the State all right, title, and interest
17 in and to the amounts referred to in paragraph
18 (1); and

19 “(B) the leaseholder is required to pay the
20 amounts directly to the State.”; and

21 (3) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “and ex-
22 cept as provided in subsection (b)” before “, any
23 rentals”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) Section 6(a) of the Mineral Leasing Act for
2 Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 355(a)) is amended—

3 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Sub-
4 ject to the provisions of section 35(b) of the
5 Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191(b)), all”
6 and inserting “All”; and

7 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “of
8 the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 450; 30
9 U.S.C. 191)” and inserting “of the Mineral
10 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 191)”.

11 (2) Section 20(a) of the Geothermal Steam Act
12 of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1019(a)) is amended in the mat-
13 ter preceding paragraph (1), in the second sentence,
14 by striking “the provisions of subsection (b) of sec-
15 tion 35 of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.
16 191(b)) and”.

17 (3) Section 205(f) of the Federal Oil and Gas
18 Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C.
19 1735(f)) is amended by striking the fourth, fifth,
20 and sixth sentences.

