

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5259
OFFERED BY MR. LOWENTHAL OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of the bill add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . INCREASE IN ROYALTY RATE FOR COAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—A new Federal coal lease referred
3 to in section 5 and issued prior to the completion of the
4 programmatic review referred to in section 4 shall require
5 payment of a royalty in such amount as the Secretary of
6 the Interior shall determine of not less than 18¾ percent
7 of the value of coal produced under the lease, except the
8 Secretary may determine a lesser amount in the case of
9 coal recovered by underground mining operations.

10 (b) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—Subsection (a)
11 shall not apply with respect to any coal lease issued before
12 the date of the enactment of this Act.

