

**Amendment to the Westerman ANS to the Committee Print
Offered by Rep. Huffman**

At the end of **SEC. 80121**, insert:

- (i) ELIGIBLE LEASE HOLDERS.—Section 20001 of Public Law 115-97 is amended as follows—
- (1) in subsection (a), by inserting the following after paragraph (2): “(3) Eligible Lease Holder. – The term "Eligible Lease Holder” means a private or publicly-traded corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or any of its territories that has continuously conducted oil and gas operations on federal leases for at least 5 years.”; and
 - (2), in paragraph (3) of subsection (b), by inserting the following at the end of the paragraph: “The Secretary shall issue a lease for the oil and gas program under this section only to an Eligible Lease Holder.”.