

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 3872  
OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER OF MINNESOTA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF MINERAL LEASING ACT FOR  
2 ACQUIRED LANDS TO HARDROCK MINERALS.**

3 The Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30  
4 U.S.C. 351 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) in section 2 (30 U.S.C. 351)—

6 (A) by striking “Act ‘United States’” and  
7 inserting the following: “Act:

8 “(1) UNITED STATES.—The term ‘United  
9 States’ ”;

10 (B) by striking “Alaska. ‘Acquired lands’ ”  
11 and inserting the following: “Alaska.

12 “(2) ACQUIRED LANDS; LANDS ACQUIRED BY  
13 THE UNITED STATES.—The term ‘acquired lands’ ”;

14 (C) by striking “552). ``Secretary” and in-  
15 serting the following: “552).

16 “(3) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ ”;

1 (D) by striking “Interior. ‘Mineral leasing  
2 laws’ shall mean” and inserting the following:  
3 “Interior.

4 “(4) MINERAL LEASING LAWS.—The term ‘min-  
5 eral leasing laws’ means”;

6 (E) by striking “Acts. ‘Lease’ ” and insert-  
7 ing the following: “Acts.

8 “(5) LEASE.—The term ‘lease’ ”;

9 (F) by striking “requires. The term” and  
10 inserting the following: “requires.

11 “(6) OIL.—The term”; and

12 (G) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(7) HARDROCK MINERAL.—The term  
14 ‘hardrock mineral’—

15 “(A) includes deposits of—

16 “(i) minerals found in sedimentary or  
17 other rocks;

18 “(ii) base metals;

19 “(iii) precious metals;

20 “(iv) industrial minerals; and

21 “(v) precious and semi-precious  
22 gemstones; and

23 “(B) does not include deposits of—

24 “(i) coal;

25 “(ii) oil;

1 “(iii) oil shale;  
2 “(iv) gas;  
3 “(v) sodium;  
4 “(vi) potassium;  
5 “(vii) sulfur; or  
6 “(viii) mineral materials subject to  
7 disposition under the Act of July 31, 1947,  
8 commonly known as the Materials Act of  
9 1947 (30 U.S.C. 601 et seq.).”; and  
10 (2) in section 3 (30 U.S.C. 352), by striking  
11 “and sulfur” and inserting “sulfur, and hardrock  
12 minerals”.

