

***MOTION BY M. _____ TO MAKE IN ORDER AMDT #12 to
H.R. 8998***

Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to the rule. I move the Committee make in order amendment #12 to H.R. 8998, offered by Representative Stansbury, which strikes Section 451, which incorporates the text of H.R. 2925, “The Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024” into the underlying bill. This bill would give anyone the right to use, occupy, and conduct mining-related operations on any public lands – including permanently storing mining waste – without paying fair market value, and without discovering a valuable mineral deposit underneath their mining claim. Removing the valuable mineral requirement enables bad actors and foreign adversaries to lock up public lands as nominal mining claims.