

Lessees will be allowed to submit an appropriate amount of royalties to avoid underpayment or nonpayment interest charges. When an estimated payment is made, the royalty payment becomes due at the end of the month following the period covered by the estimated payment. The committee does not intend to restrict the period of time covered by an estimate to 30 days.

This section provides that the lessee clarify who is responsible for the payment of royalties and notify the Secretary. The committee intends to eliminate the delay in collection of these royalties because the Secretary will contact only those parties that are liable, or designated to be liable, to remit royalty. The Interior Board of Land Appeals Mesa decision demonstrates that the Secretary's current royalty collection practices must be altered to comply with the law. This section does not reduce the Secretary's ability to accept payment from any party or their ability to pursue parties who are secondarily liable.

To ensure proper collections, this provision clarifies which party is primarily liable for the underlying royalty obligation, which is consistent with lease terms. The provision does not alter or restrict a lessee designation of who may report and pay royalties on their behalf.

SEC. 5366. ALTERNATIVES FOR MARGINAL PROPERTIES

Regulatory relief and other options to conventional and costly royalty accounting are established for marginal wells to increase royalties and provide the Secretary and States additional resources to aggressively collect royalties from more prolific properties within the 6-year period. This reform for marginal (low production) properties results in additional receipts from oil and gas production that would otherwise be abandoned. This section increases oil and gas production on Federal lands by creating economic efficiencies to make Federal leases more competitive with private leases.

This section requires the Secretary and the State concerned to determine the amount of what marginal production from a lease or leases or well or wells will be subject to a prepayment or regulatory relief. If a State concerned does not consent, the prepayments or regulatory relief cannot be made.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Seven Year Balanced Budget Act of 1995. The Federal oil and gas royalty chapter is sound.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EMERSON). Pursuant to House Resolution 279, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HOBSON].

Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 245, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Members will record their votes by electronic device.

Without objection, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device may be taken on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to House Joint Resolution 122 on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

There was no objection.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 235, nays 192, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 820]

YEAS—235

Allard
Archer
Arney
Bachus
Baker (CA)
Baker (LA)
Ballenger
Barr
Barrett (NE)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Bereuter
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Billey
Blute
Boehert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Brownback
Bunn
Bunning
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Canady
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Chenoweth
Christensen
Chrysler
Clinger
Coble
Coburn
Collins (GA)
Combest
Cooley
Cox
Crane
Crapo
Creameans
Cubin
Cunningham
Davis
Deal
DeLay
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Doolittle
Dornan
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Ensign
Everett
Ewing
Fawell
Fields (TX)
Flanagan
Foley
Forbes
Fowler
Fox
Franks (CT)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frisa
Funderburk

NAYS—192

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Andrews
Baesler
Baldacci
Barcia
Barrett (WI)
Becerra
Beilenson
Bentsen
Bevill
Bishop
Bonior
Borski
Boucher
Brewster
Browder
Brown (CA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Bryant (TX)
Cardin
Chapman
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coleman
Collins (IL)
Collins (MI)

Gallegly
Ganske
Gekas
Geren
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Goodlatte
Goodling
Goss
Graham
Greenwood
Gunderson
Gutierrez
Hall (TX)
Hancock
Hansen
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Heineman
Herger
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hoke
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inglis
Istook
Johnson (CT)
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Kasich
Kelly
Kim
King
Kingston
Klug
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Laughlin
Lazio
Leach
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Lightfoot
Linder
Livingston
LoBiondo
Longley
Lucas
Manzullo
Martini
McCollum
McCrery
McDade
McHugh
McInnis
McIntosh
McKeon
Metcalf
Meyers
Mica
Miller (FL)
Molinari
Montgomery
Moorhead
Morella

Dooley
Doyle
Durbin
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Fazio
Manton
Fields (LA)
Filner
Flake
Foglietta
Ford
Frank (MA)
Frost
Furse
Gejdenson
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gonzalez
Gordon
Green
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Hamilton
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hefner
Hilliard
Hinchee
Holden
Hoyer
Jackson-Lee
Jacobs
Jefferson
Johnson (SD)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnston
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (MA)
Kennedy (RI)
Kennelly
Kildee
Klecicka
Klink
LaFalce

Lantos
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lincoln
Lipinski
Lofgren
Rush
Luther
Maloney
Martinez
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy
McDermott
McHale
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek
Menendez
Mfume
Miller (CA)
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Mollohan
Moran
Murtha
Nadler
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Olver
Ortiz
Orton
Owens
Pallone
Pastor
Payne (NJ)
Payne (VA)
Pelosi
Peterson (FL)
Peterson (MN)
Pickett
Pomeroy
Poshard
Rahall

Rangel
Reed
Richardson
Rivers
Roemer
Roybal-Allard
Sabo
Sanders
Sawyer
Schroeder
Schumer
Scott
Serrano
Sisisky
Skaggs
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Spratt
Stark
Stenholm
Stokes
Studds
Stupak
Tanner
Tejeda
Thompson
Thornton
Thurman
Torres
Torricelli
Towns
Traficant
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Volkmmer
Ward
Waters
Watt (NC)
Waxman
Williams
Wilson
Wise
Woolsey
Wyden
Wynn
Yates

NOT VOTING—5

Berman
Bryant (TN)
Rose
Shuster
Tucker

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So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have a 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2491.

The SPEAKER pro tempore Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

CONCURRING IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 122, FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 1996

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question de novo on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to House Joint Resolution 122.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

Condit
Conyers
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Danner
de la Garza
DeFazio
DeLauro
Dellums
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett