AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2262, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. STUPAK OF MICHIGAN

At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. ___. LIMITATION ON ISSUING PATENTS AND MINING OPERATIONS PERMITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—After the date of enactment of this Act, no patent shall be issued by the United States for any mining claim located under the general mining laws, and no permit shall be issued authorizing mining operations under any mining claim for Federal lands, for any sulfide ore body located within 25 miles of any of the Great Lakes.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term "Great Lakes" means Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake Huron (including Lake St. Clair), Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior, and the connecting channels (Saint Mary's River, Saint Clair River, Detroit River, Niagara River, and Saint Lawrence River to the Canadian Border); and

(2) term "sulfide ore body" means a mineral deposit in which metals are mixed with sulfide minerals.

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OFFERED BY MS. MATSUI OF CALIFORNIA

In section 411—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), before the period insert ", including in river watershed areas"; and

(2) in subsection (b)(3), before the period insert ", which may include restoration activities in river watershed areas".