

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 1449) TO AMEND THE GEOTHERMAL STEAM ACT OF 1970 TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF LEASE SALES, TO REQUIRE REPLACEMENT SALES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 9495) TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO POSTPONE TAX DEADLINES AND REIMBURSE PAID LATE FEES FOR UNITED STATES NATIONALS WHO ARE UNLAWFULLY OR WRONGFULLY DETAINED OR HELD HOSTAGE ABROAD, TO TERMINATE THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF TERRORIST SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

November 18, 2024.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

MRS. FISCHBACH, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. __]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution ____, by a record vote of 9 to 3, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 1449, the Committing Leases for Energy Access Now Act, under a structured rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The resolution makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for

the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides for consideration of H.R. 9495, the Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act, under a closed rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 1449 includes:

—Clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII, which requires the inclusion of committee cost estimate in a committee report.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 1449, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

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Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 9495, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee Record Vote No. 277

Motion by Mrs. Fischbach to report the rule. Adopted: 9–3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler.....	Yea	Mr. McGovern.....	Nay
Mrs. Fischbach.....	Yea	Ms. Scanlon.....	Nay
Mr. Massie.....	Yea	Mr. Neguse.....	
Mr. Norman.....	Yea	Ms. Leger Fernández.....	Nay
Mr. Roy.....	Yea		
Mrs. Houchin.....	Yea		
Mr. Langworthy.....	Yea		
Mr. Austin Scott.....	Yea		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman.....	Yea		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1449 MADE IN ORDER

1. Grijalva (AZ), Tlaib (MI): Extends the timeline for determining permit completeness to 90 days, as requested by the Department of the Interior, and provides flexibility in the timeline to issue final determinations on a permit. (10 minutes)
2. Grijalva (AZ), Kamlager-Dove (CA): Conditions the effective date on a certification that the Bureau of Land Management and other Federal permitting agencies have sufficient staff and funding to comply with the deadlines established by this Act. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1449 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 4, line 7, strike “30” and insert “90”.

Page 4, strike lines 17 through 23 and insert the following:

“(2) DECISION.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which an applicant submits a complete application for a geothermal drilling permit under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

“(A) grant or deny the application, if the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and any other applicable law have been completed; or

“(B) defer the decision on the application and provide to the applicant notice—

“(i) that specifies steps that the applicant can take for the decision on the application to be issued; and

“(ii) of a list of actions that need to be taken by the agency in order to comply with applicable law, and timelines and deadlines for completing those actions.”.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

Add at the end the following:

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall take effect on the date on which the Secretary of the Interior certifies that the Bureau of Land Management and other relevant Federal permitting agencies have received adequate funding to resolve permitting staff shortages required to meet the deadlines established under this Act and the amendments made by this Act.