

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H.R. 1467

To provide for the continuance of oil and gas operations pursuant to certain existing leases in the Wayne National Forest.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 1997

Mr. NEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

To provide for the continuance of oil and gas operations pursuant to certain existing leases in the Wayne National Forest.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ELECTION TO CONTINUE OIL AND GAS OPER-**  
4 **ATIONS UNDER CERTAIN EXISTING LEASES.**

5 In the case of the Wayne National Forest, an election  
6 under section 17(b)(3) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
7 U.S.C. 226(b)(3)), including an election made before the  
8 date of enactment of this Act, shall be deemed to be an  
9 election to continue operations pursuant to the existing  
10 lease instead of an election to continue the lease as a non-

1 competitive lease under section 17(c)(1) of that Act, and  
2 in the case of any such election, the provisions of subpara-  
3 graphs (C) and (D) of such section 17(b)(3) shall not  
4 apply. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any lands  
5 subject to an election made by a leaseholder under such  
6 section 17(b)(3) before the date of enactment of this Act  
7 if the lease holder notifies the Secretary of the Interior  
8 (within 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act)  
9 that the leaseholder intends such election to remain an  
10 election to continue the lease as a noncompetitive lease  
11 under section 17(c)(1) of that Act.

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