

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. ROGERS OF MICHIGAN

In division F, at the end of subtitle C of title II add the following:

1 **SEC. . ENCOURAGEMENT OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL**
2 **PROHIBITIONS ON OFF-SHORE DRILLING IN**
3 **THE GREAT LAKES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The water resources of the Great Lakes
6 Basin are precious public natural resources, shared
7 and held in trust by the States of Illinois, Indiana,
8 Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsyl-
9 vania, and Wisconsin, and the Canadian Province of
10 Ontario.

11 (2) The environmental dangers associated with
12 off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas
13 outweigh the potential benefits of such drilling.

14 (3) In accordance with the Submerged Lands
15 Act (43 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.), each State that bor-
16 ders any of the Great Lakes has authority over the
17 area between that State's coastline and the bound-
18 ary of Canada or another State.

19 (4) The States of Illinois, Michigan, New York,
20 Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin each have a statutory



1 prohibition of off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes
2 for oil and gas.

3 (5) The States of Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio
4 do not have such a prohibition.

5 (6) The Canadian Province of Ontario does not
6 have such a prohibition, and drilling for and produc-
7 tion of gas occurs in the Canadian portion of Lake
8 Erie.

9 (b) ENCOURAGEMENT OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL
10 PROHIBITIONS.—The Congress encourages—

11 (1) the States of Illinois, Michigan, New York,
12 Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to continue to prohibit
13 off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas;

14 (2) the States of Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio
15 and the Canadian Province of Ontario to enact a
16 prohibition of such drilling; and

17 (3) the Canadian Province of Ontario to require
18 the cessation of any such drilling and any production
19 resulting from such drilling.

