ores" in subparagraph (E) and inserting in lieu thereof "the furnacing of quicksilver ores, and the sintering or burning of shale, clay, and slate used or sold for use as lightweight aggregates".

(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 212. STRADDLES.

(a) Treatment as Short-Term Capital Gain.—Section 1234 (relating to options) is amended by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d) and by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

"(c) Special Rule for Grantors of Straddles.—

"(1) Gain on lapse.—In the case of gain on lapse of an option granted by the taxpayer as part of a straddle, the gain shall be deemed to be gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset held for not more than 6 months on the day that the option expired.

"(2) Exception.—This subsection shall not apply to any person who holds securities for sale to customers in the ordinary course of his trade or business.

"(3) Definitions.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) The term 'straddle' means a simultaneously granted combination of an option to buy, and