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Page 150, after line 5, insert the following:

SEC. 324. OFFSHORE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT.

(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall not issue an offshore wind assessment that proposes wind exclusion areas and may not object to an offshore energy project filed for review by the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Clearinghouse (in this section referred to as the “Clearinghouse”) until 180 days after submitting the report required under (b).

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the process that will be used to by the Clearinghouse to review proposed offshore lease blocks and proposed offshore energy projects. At minimum, the report should include the following elements:

(1) The process and metrics used in evaluating proposed offshore lease blocks or specific offshore energy projects for compatibility with, or unacceptable risk to, military operations and readiness.
(2) The process for coordinating with the Department of Interior on assessing proposed offshore lease blocks and military operations and readiness activities that occur in those proposed lease blocks.

(3) The process for working with the proponent of a proposed energy development to identify and evaluate possible mitigations to enable energy developments that are compatible with military operations and readiness.

(4) Any legislative changes to section 183a of title 10, United States Code, to enable the Clearinghouse to perform its new role in reviewing proposed offshore lease blocks and offshore energy projects.