AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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Page 1660, after line 6, insert the following:

1 SEC. 71003. OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE.

2 Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce acting through the
4 Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
5 Administration shall enter into an agreement with the
6 Board of Ocean Studies and Board Science, Technology,
7 and Economic Policy of the National Academies of
8 Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a com-
9 prehensive assessment on the development of offshore
10 aquaculture in the exclusive economic zone including—

11 (1) assessment of the potential environmental
12 impacts of offshore aquaculture operations, including
13 an evaluation on the risks of siting, water pollution,
14 habitat impact, escape of farmed species on wild
15 population stocks, waste treatment and disposal,
16 feed operations, and the cumulative risks of multiple
17 aquaculture operations in shared ecosystems;

18 (2) evaluation of the potential for offshore
19 aquaculture to serve as a tool for environmental
management, including connections to water quality, watershed management, and fishery conservation and management;

(3) identification of existing control technologies, management practices and regulatory strategies to minimize the environmental impact of offshore aquaculture operations, including from traditional aquaculture methods and practices of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians;

(4) recommending best management practices related to sustainable feed for the offshore aquaculture industry, including best practices for sourcing from sustainably managed fisheries and traceability of source fish meal ingredients;

(5) evaluation of the potential impact of offshore aquaculture on the economies of coastal communities, particularly those dependent on traditional fishery resources; and

(6) assessment of the impacts of growing international offshore aquaculture operations on the United States seafood market and domestic seafood producers, including dependence of the United States on foreign-sourced seafood.