

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

1 management, including connections to water quality,
2 watershed management, and fishery conservation
3 and management;

4 (3) identification of existing control tech-
5 nologies, management practices and regulatory strat-
6 egies to minimize the environmental impact of off-
7 shore aquaculture operations, including from tradi-
8 tional aquaculture methods and practices of Native
9 Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians;

10 (4) recommending best management practices
11 related to sustainable feed for the offshore aqua-
12 culture industry, including best practices for
13 sourcing from sustainably managed fisheries and
14 traceability of source fish meal ingredients;

15 (5) evaluation of the potential impact of off-
16 shore aquaculture on the economies of coastal com-
17 munities, particularly those dependent on traditional
18 fishery resources; and

19 (6) assessment of the impacts of growing inter-
20 national offshore aquaculture operations on the
21 United States seafood market and domestic seafood
22 producers, including dependence of the United
23 States on foreign-sourced seafood.

