

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5538, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MS. CASTOR OF FLORIDA**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1       SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this  
2 Act may be used by the United States Fish and Wildlife  
3 Service to finalize the proposed rule to reclassify the West  
4 Indian manatee as threatened (81 Fed. Reg. 1000) before  
5 the date the Service—

6           (1) develops a plan for the anticipated loss of  
7 artificial warm water sources such as thermal power  
8 plants;

9           (2) includes the most recent scientific informa-  
10 tion available;

11           (3) considers the effect of the potential elimi-  
12 nation or reduction of speed zones and designated  
13 manatee protection areas by the State of Florida;  
14 and

15           (4) excludes minimum population estimates as  
16 a factor for reclassification, and instead considers as  
17 factors for reclassification current and future threats  
18 to the West Indian manatee and its habitat, includ-  
19 ing human population growth, boating traffic

- 1 growth, changes in the magnitude of harmful algal
- 2 blooms and frequency of cold weather events.

