

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. CRIST OF FLORIDA**

Page 85, after line 24, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 316. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING MILITARY**  
2 **READINESS AND OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION**  
3 **AND EXTRACTION.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
5 ings:

6 (1) The Florida Defense Support Task Force  
7 concluded that the expansion of oil and gas explo-  
8 ration and extraction could conflict with military  
9 missions and readiness in the Joint Gulf Range  
10 Complex.

11 (2) The Department of Defense determined  
12 that offshore drilling platforms and activities are in-  
13 compatible with military training and weapons test-  
14 ing.

15 (3) The Department of Defense stated that  
16 maintaining a moratorium on oil and gas activities  
17 in the Gulf of Mexico beyond 2022 is vital for pro-  
18 tecting our national security.

1           (4) The National Aeronautics and Space Ad-  
2           ministration stated that oil and gas exploration and  
3           extraction would negatively affect the ability of the  
4           Federal Government to conduct aerospace test ac-  
5           tivities.

6           (5) More than 125 local governments located  
7           along the East Coast, more than 1,200 local, State,  
8           and Federal elected officials, numerous fishing and  
9           tourism interests, and an alliance representing over  
10          40,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families have  
11          all publicly opposed offshore drilling or seismic  
12          airgun blasting in the Atlantic Ocean:

13          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
14          gress that military readiness should take priority over oil  
15          and gas exploration and extraction in existing testing and  
16          training areas available for military use.

