

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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OFFERED BY MR. CRIST OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle B of title III, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3___ . MORATORIUM ON OIL AND GAS LEASING IN**
2 **CERTAIN AREAS OF GULF OF MEXICO.**

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

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

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

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

1 (4) The Air Force stated that the moratorium
2 on oil and gas activities is essential for developing
3 and sustaining future combat capabilities.

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

9 (6) More than 200 local governments located
10 along the East Coast, more than 1,700 local, State,
11 and Federal elected officials, numerous fishing and
12 tourism interests, and an alliance representing over
13 42,000 businesses and 500,000 fishing families, as
14 well as all three East Coast Fishery Management
15 Councils have all publicly opposed offshore drilling
16 or seismic airgun blasting in the Atlantic Ocean.

17 (b) EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM.—Section 104(a)
18 of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43
19 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law 109–432) is amended in
20 the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “June 30,
21 2022” and inserting “June 30, 2029”.

