AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1231, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR OF TEXAS

Add at the end the following new section:

SEC. ___. PROTECTION OF THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT, MARINE ENVIRONMENT, AND HUMAN ENVIRONMENT.

Under this Act the Secretary of the Interior shall ensure that all drilling authorized under the underlying legislation is conducted in a manner that protects the coastal environment, marine environment, and human environment of State coastal areas and the Outer Continental Shelf. This Act shall not be construed to modify any otherwise applicable environmental law.