

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6285, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE OF NEW JERSEY**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CER-**
2 **TAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL**
3 **SHELF.**

4 Section 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
5 (43 U.S.C. 1337) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(q) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN
8 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—
9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or any
10 other law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue a
11 lease or any other authorization for the exploration, devel-
12 opment, or production of oil or natural gas in—

- 13 “(1) the Mid-Atlantic planning area;
14 “(2) the South Atlantic planning area;
15 “(3) the North Atlantic planning area; or
16 “(4) the Straits of Florida planning area.”.

