

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

Page 75, after line 3, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 20115. OFFSHORE WIND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**
2 **PROCESS STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller
5 General shall conduct a study to assess the sufficiency of
6 the environmental review processes for offshore wind
7 projects in place as of the date of the enactment of this
8 section of the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Bu-
9 reau of Ocean Energy Management, and any other rel-
10 evant Federal agency.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—The study required under sub-
12 section (a) shall include consideration of the following:

- 13 (1) The impacts of offshore wind projects on—
14 (A) whales, finfish, and other marine
15 mammals;
16 (B) benthic resources;
17 (C) commercial and recreational fishing;
18 (D) air quality;
19 (E) cultural, historical, and archaeological
20 resources;

1 (F) invertebrates;

2 (G) essential fish habitat;

3 (H) military use and navigation and vessel
4 traffic;

5 (I) recreation and tourism; and

6 (J) the sustainability of shoreline beaches
7 and inlets.

8 (2) The impacts of hurricanes and other severe
9 weather on offshore wind projects.

10 (3) How the agencies described in subsection
11 (a) determine which stakeholders are consulted and
12 if a timely, comprehensive comment period is pro-
13 vided for local representatives and other interested
14 parties.

15 (4) The estimated cost and who pays for off-
16 shore wind projects.

