

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4821, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert
the following:

1 SEC. _____. The Secretary of the Interior shall au-
2 thorize geological and geophysical surveys related to oil
3 and gas activities on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental
4 Shelf, except within areas subject to existing oil and gas
5 leasing moratoria. Such authorizations shall be issued
6 within 30 days of receipt of a completed application and
7 shall, as applicable to survey type, comply with the mitiga-
8 tion and monitoring measures in subsections (a), (b), (c),
9 (d), (f), and (g) of section 217.184 of title 50, Code of
10 Federal Regulations (as in effect on January 1, 2022),
11 and section 217.185 of title 50, Code of Federal Regula-
12 tions (as in effect on January 1, 2022). Geological and
13 geophysical surveys authorized pursuant to this section
14 are deemed to be in full compliance with the Marine Mam-
15 mal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and
16 the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et
17 seq.), and their implementing regulations.

