AMENDMENT TO H.R. 200, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE

Add at the end the following:

TITLE ____—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. ____ EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

Section 305(a) (16 U.S.C. 1855(a)) is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

“(3) The Secretary shall authorize the development of a new fishery not included on such list only if the Secretary determines the fishery’s ecosystem impacts have been analyzed. Nothing in this subsection shall restrict the requirements for the experimental permitting process under section 318(d).”;

(2) by amending paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of the Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, and at least once every 5 years thereafter, each Council shall revise its list of approved current fisheries and gear in specific and
narrow terms, including geographic range, to ensure only active fisheries or new fisheries intended for Secretarial review under paragraph (3) are included, and submit such list to the Secretary. The Secretary shall make a determination required under paragraph (3) and if the Secretary finds that the proposed change is consistent with paragraph (3) and other applicable law, the Secretary shall publish a revised list, after notice and an opportunity for public comment. Once the determination has been made to include a new fishery on the list of approved current fisheries, a Council shall prepare a fishery management plan for the fishery or an amendment to include the fishery in an existing fishery management plan in accordance with section 303, in order for fishing in the new fishery to begin.’’; and (3) by adding at the end the following: ‘‘(7) The Secretary shall issue guidance for making a determination that a new fishery’s ecosystem impacts have been sufficiently analyzed.’’.