

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9026, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by
2 this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce
3 any prohibition of the installation, maintenance, operation,
4 or retirement of a telecommunications submarine cable
5 within the boundaries of a National Marine Sanctuary, or
6 any associated permitting or regulatory requirement re-
7 lated thereby; unless and until the Administrator of the
8 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, fol-
9 lowing the effective date of this Act, has completed a cost-
10 benefit analysis of the imposition of a National Marine
11 Sanctuary in an active coastal zone with substantial
12 subsea cable investment and infrastructure, subject to
13 public comment, that accurately and holistically analyzes
14 the impact of such prohibition and associated require-
15 ments on the submarine cable industry and the associated
16 impact on the economy of the United States and govern-
17 mental and national security interests. Provided that, not-
18 withstanding the foregoing, funds made available by this
19 Act may be used for the streamlined and expedited certifi-

1 cation or authorization, as applicable, under an existing
2 State or Federal authority of a telecommunications sub-
3 marine cable activity within a National Marine Sanctuary
4 that would otherwise be prohibited by part 922 of title
5 15, Code of Federal Regulations, provided that due con-
6 sideration is given to the reviews of that cable by other
7 Federal and State authorities, without duplication of any
8 such reviews or the results thereof, and without additional
9 condition unless demonstrably necessary to protect specific
10 and particularized sanctuary resources or interests not ad-
11 dressed by such other agency.

