

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 5. STUDYING THE IMPACTS OF OFFSHORE DRILLING**
2 **ON COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND COASTAL**
3 **ECONOMIES.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
6 submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
7 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
8 and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the im-
9 pacts of offshore drilling on coastal communities and
10 coastal economies.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection
12 (a) shall—

13 (1) address how oil and gas companies interact
14 with local stakeholders in advance of a siting deci-
15 sion, including their meetings with fishermen;

16 (2) investigate the impacts of offshore drilling
17 on tourism, including tradeoffs during normal oper-
18 ations and economic impacts after a spill;

1 (3) describe how the Bureau of Ocean Energy
2 Management works with other agencies, including
3 the National Marine Fisheries Service, to include
4 stakeholder input in advance of a siting decision;

5 (4) address how quickly response teams can
6 mitigate environmental damage after a spill and how
7 long regional ecosystems take to recover following a
8 spill;

9 (5) describe any limitations on the quantity of
10 comparative data available on impacts to regions of
11 the Outer Continental Shelf that have not been sited
12 for drilling;

13 (6) describe the impacts on commercial and rec-
14 reational fisheries from offshore drilling; and

15 (7) address the economic impacts of oil spills on
16 the food supply of a region, including those food
17 sources that are distinctive to a region's culture.

