

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1230, AS ORDERED
REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE**

Page 5, after line 14, insert the following (and re-designate the succeeding sections accordingly):

1 SEC. 6. ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDIES.

2 (a) RECOVERY OF COSTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASE-
3 LINE STUDIES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall—

4 (1) establish, assess, and collect from each ap-
5 plicant for an oil and gas lease under this Act, a fee
6 to recover from such applicants the costs of con-
7 ducting environmental baseline studies of the areas
8 for which such leases are awarded; and

9 (2) subject to the availability of appropriations,
10 use such fees to conduct such studies.

11 (b) USE OF DATA.—The Secretary may use data col-
12 lected in studies under subsection (a)(2) to—

13 (1) monitor the impacts of activity conducted
14 under such leases;

15 (2) inform the development of offshore renew-
16 able energy resources; and

17 (3) develop coastal and marine spatial plans.

1 (c) TERMINATION.—This section shall have no force
2 or effect after the expiration of the 5-year period begin-
3 ning on the date of enactment of this Act.

