AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. QUIGLEY OF ILLINOIS

Page 8, beginning at line 1, strike title II and insert the following:

TITLE II—PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS AND PROTECTIVE APPROACH

SEC. 201. PROHIBITION ON OIL AND GAS ACTIVITIES IN IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS OF OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.

Section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1344) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by inserting “subject to subsection (j),” before “the best available scientific”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) Prohibition on Oil and Gas Activities in Important Ecological Areas of Outer Continental Shelf.—The Secretary may not approve for inclusion in an oil and gas leasing program under this sec-
tion any area of the outer Continental Shelf that, by itself or in a network, has distinguishing ecological characteristics, is important for maintaining habitat heterogeneity or the viability of a species, or contributes disproportionately to the health of an ecosystem, including its biodiversity, function, structure, or resilience. In designating an important ecological area of outer Continental Shelf, the Secretary should give particular consideration to—

“(1) areas of high productivity or diversity;

“(2) areas that are important for feeding, migration, or the lifecycle of species; and

“(3) areas of biogenic habitat, structure forming habitat, or habitat for endangered or threatened species.”.

SEC. 202. PROTECTIVE APPROACH TO OIL AND GAS LEASING, EXPLORATION, AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.

(a) ADDITIONAL NATIONAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF POLICY.—Section 3 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332) is amended striking “and” after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (5), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (6) and inserting “; and”, and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
“(7) while the outer Continental Shelf is a vital national resource reserve held by the Federal Gover-
nment for the public, any leasing, exploration, or development of the outer Continental Shelf neces-
sarily impacts the marine environment and coastal environment, so the protection and maintenance (and, when necessary, restoration) of the marine en-
vironment and coastal environment is of primary im-
portance and leasing, exploration, or development of the outer Continental Shelf will be authorized in lim-
ited areas only when sound science shows that such activities can proceed with minimal risk to the health of the marine environment and coastal envi-
ronment.”.

(b) PROTECTIVE MANDATE.—Such section is further amended—

(1) by inserting “(a) DECLARATION OF POL-
ICY.—” before “It is hereby declared”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
section:

“(b) PROTECTIVE APPROACH TO LEASING, EXPLOR-
ATION, AND DEVELOPMENT.—The leasing, exploration, and development of oil and gas resources of the outer Con-
tinental Shelf may be authorized only if—
“(1) the Secretary has a thorough understanding of the marine environment and coastal environment impacted by the activity and an environmental baseline, the risks of exploration or development, and the potential consequences of accidents and other emergencies; and

“(2) the Secretary determines, on the basis of sound science, that risks are minimal, rigorous safety measures are in place and will be enforced, and there is a demonstrated ability to mount an effective response to accidents in real-world conditions.”.