

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 200, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of title II add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . NORTHEAST REGIONAL PILOT RESEARCH TRAWL**
2 **SURVEY AND STUDY.**

3 (a) **INDUSTRY-BASED PILOT STUDY.**—Within 1 year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Commerce shall, in coordination with the relevant
6 Councils selected by the Secretary and the Northeast Area
7 Monitoring and Assessment Program (NEAMAP), develop
8 a fishing industry-based Northeast regional pilot research
9 trawl survey and study to enhance and provide improve-
10 ment to current National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
11 ministration vessel trawl surveys.

12 (b) **COMPONENTS.**—Under the pilot survey and
13 study—

14 (1) the Secretary—

15 (A) may select fishing industry vessels to
16 participate in the study by issuing a request for
17 procurement;

18 (B) may use the NEAMAP Southern New
19 England/Mid-Atlantic Nearshore Trawl Survey
20 as a model for the pilot survey; and

1 (C) shall outfit participating vessels with a
2 peer-reviewed net configuration; and

3 (2) the selected Councils shall, in partnership
4 with the National Marine Fisheries Service North-
5 east Fisheries Science Center and the Virginia Insti-
6 tute of Marine Science, collect data and evaluate dis-
7 crepancies between fishing industry vessel data and
8 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
9 vessel data, for 5 years.

10 (b) REPORT.—Upon completion of the pilot survey
11 and study, the Secretary and the selected Councils shall
12 submit a detailed report on the results of the pilot survey
13 and study to the Committee on Natural Resources of the
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
15 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

