

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3746
OFFERED BY MR. VAN DREW OF NEW JERSEY

Insert after section 324 the following:

1 **SEC. 325. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN OFFSHORE WIND EN-**
2 **ERGY DEVELOPMENT.**

3 (a) **APPLICABILITY.**—Sections 321 through 323, and
4 the amendments made by such sections, shall not apply
5 to wind energy development in the North Atlantic Plan-
6 ning Area (as described in subsection (b)) until the Comp-
7 troller General of the United States publishes the report
8 required by subsection (b).

9 (b) **GAO REPORT ON WIND ENERGY IMPACTS.**—The
10 Comptroller General of the United States shall publish a
11 report on all potential adverse effects of wind energy devel-
12 opment in the North Atlantic Planning Area (as described
13 in the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas
14 Leasing Proposed Final Program (November 2016)), in-
15 cluding associated infrastructure and vessel traffic, on—

- 16 (1) maritime safety, including the operation of
17 radar systems;
- 18 (2) economic impacts related to commercial
19 fishing activities; and

1 (3) marine environment and ecology, including
2 species listed as endangered or threatened under the
3 Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et
4 seq.) or designated as depleted under the Marine
5 Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et
6 seq.) in the North Atlantic Planning Area.

