

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1229, AS ORDERED
REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA**

Add at the end the following new title:

1 **TITLE III—OIL POLLUTION**
2 **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

3 **SEC. 301. APPLICATION OF NEPA TO OFFSHORE DRILLING**
4 **ACTIVITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Outer Continental Shelf
6 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 32. APPLICATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL**
9 **POLICY ACT OF 1969.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The head of any Federal agency
11 shall treat the issuance of any exploration plans, develop-
12 ment production plans, development operation coordina-
13 tion documents, and lease sales required under Federal
14 law for offshore drilling activity on the outer Continental
15 Shelf as a major Federal action significantly affecting the
16 quality of the human environment for the purposes of sec-
17 tion 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of
18 1969, and requiring detailed environmental analysis of

1 such proposed actions and reasonably foreseeable subse-
2 quent actions.

3 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term ‘off-
4 shore drilling activity’—

5 “(1) means drilling for oil or gas under a lease,
6 or conducting a major geophysical seismic survey,
7 under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act; and

8 “(2) includes such drilling or surveying for ex-
9 ploration, development, or production.”.

10 (b) REPEAL OF 30-DAY DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL
11 OF EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES.—Section 11(c)(1) of the
12 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
13 1340(c)(1)) is amended by striking “The Secretary shall
14 approve such plan, as submitted or modified, within thirty
15 days of its submission, except that the” and by inserting
16 “The”.

