AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1231

OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE OF NEW JERSEY

Page 2, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 3, line 16, and insert the following:

1 "(4) PROHIBITION OF OIL AND GAS LEASING IN
2 CERTAIN AREAS OF THE OUTER CONTINENTAL
3 SHELF.—

4   "(A) IN GENERAL.—No oil and gas leasing
5 program under this section may make available
6 for preleasing, leasing, and related activities
7 any area of the outer Continental Shelf lo-
8 cated—

9   "(i) in any Marine National Monu-
10 ment or national marine sanctuary; or

11   "(ii) in the New York/New Jersey
12 Bight.

13   "(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph
14 affects any rights under leases issued under
15 this Act before the date of enactment of this
16 paragraph.

17 "(5) DESIGNATION OF NEW JERSEY/NEW YORK
18 CLEAN OCEAN ZONE.—Each oil and gas leasing pro-
19 gram under this section shall designate and refer to

1   the New York/New Jersey Bight as the 'New Jersey/
2   New York Clean Ocean Zone'.

3   "(6) NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY BIGHT DE-
4   FINED.—In this paragraph the term 'New York/New
5   Jersey Bight' means the geographic area within the
6   Atlantic Ocean generally known by that name and
7   located within the boundaries described more par-
8   ticularly as follows: Beginning at a point at the
9   southern tip of Cape May, New Jersey, and run-
10   ning—

11   "(A) northerly along the mean high water
12   mark of the coast of New Jersey to the north-
13   ern tip of Sandy Hook, New Jersey, then

14   "(B) northeasterly along the transect of
15   the northern tip of Sandy Hook and the west-
16   ern tip of Long Island, New York, then

17   "(C) easterly along the mean high water
18   mark of the south shore of Long Island to the
19   eastern tip of Long Island, New York, then

20   "(D) southerly to the eastern bank of
21   Block Canyon to the 1,000 fathom line of the
22   Continental Shelf, then

23   "(E) southwesterly along the 1,000 fathom
24   line to the western bank of Baltimore Canyon,
25   and then

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1   ''(F) northwesterly to the point of begin-

2   ning at the southern tip of Cape May, New Jer-

3   sey.''.

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