

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
QUIGLEY OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

**AMENDMENT TO  
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 112-24  
OFFERED BY MR. QUIGLEY OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of title I (page 6, after line 11) add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROTECTIVE APPROACH TO OIL AND GAS LEAS-**  
2 **ING, EXPLORATION, AND DEVELOPMENT ON**  
3 **THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**

4 The Secretary of the Interior—

5 (1) shall not conduct or authorize any leasing,  
6 exploration, or development of oil and gas resources  
7 of the Outer Continental Shelf under a plan required  
8 by subsection (k) of section 161 of the Energy Pol-  
9 icy and Conservation Act, as amended by section  
10 102 of this Act, unless—

11 (A) sound science shows that such activi-  
12 ties can proceed with minimal risk to the health  
13 of the marine environment and coastal environ-  
14 ment.

15 (B) the Secretary has a thorough under-  
16 standing of the marine environment and coastal  
17 environment impacted by the activity and an  
18 environmental baseline, the risks of exploration

1 or development, and the potential consequences  
2 of accidents and other emergencies; and

3 (C) the Secretary determines, on the basis  
4 of sound science, that risks are minimal, rig-  
5 orous safety measures are in place and will be  
6 enforced, and there is a demonstrated ability to  
7 mount an effective response to accidents in  
8 real-world conditions;

9 (2) shall not make available for oil and gas  
10 leasing under such a plan any area of the outer Con-  
11 tinental Shelf that, by itself or in a network, has dis-  
12 tinguishing ecological characteristics, is important  
13 for maintaining habitat heterogeneity or the viability  
14 of a species, or contributes disproportionately to the  
15 health of an ecosystem, including its biodiversity,  
16 function, structure, or resilience; and

17 (3) in determining whether an area is described  
18 in paragraph (2), should give particular consider-  
19 ation to—

20 (A) areas of high productivity or diversity;

21 (B) areas that are important for feeding,  
22 migration, or the lifecycle of species; and

1 (C) areas of biogenic habitat, structure  
2 forming habitat, or habitat for endangered or  
3 threatened species.

