

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3534  
OFFERED BY MR. FALEOMAVAEGA OF AMERICAN  
SAMOA**

At the end of title I add the following new section:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_\_ TECHNOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT, SURVEY, AND**  
2 **STUDY OF DEEP SEABED MINERALS.**

3 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary of the Interior,  
4 acting through the Bureau of Energy and Resource Man-  
5 agement and in consultation with the heads of other ap-  
6 propriate Federal agencies, shall conduct

7 (1) an assessment of all available domestic tech-  
8 nological capabilities required for the location and  
9 the efficient and environmentally sound recovery of  
10 minerals, other than oil and natural gas, from the  
11 shallow and deep seabed of the United States;

12 (2) a survey of the shallow and deep seabed of  
13 the United States to identify sites for the recovery  
14 of such minerals; and

15 (3) an economic feasibility study on the recov-  
16 ery of such minerals.

17 (b) **REPORT.**—No later than 2 years after the date  
18 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a re-

1 port to Congress containing the findings and recommenda-  
2 tions of the assessment, survey, and study under this sec-  
3 tion.

4 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section the term “shallow  
5 and deep seabed of the United States”

6 (1) means areas of the seabed that are contig-  
7 uous to and within 200 miles of the territorial sea  
8 of the United States and the resources of which are  
9 subject to its jurisdiction or control; and

10 (2) includes such areas that are contiguous to  
11 and within 200 miles of the territorial sea around  
12 any inhabited and uninhabited territory or posses-  
13 sion of the United States including American  
14 Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana  
15 Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,  
16 Midway Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia,  
17 Palau, Marshall Islands, Midway Islands, Wake Is-  
18 land, Johnston Atoll, Baker, Howland, and Jarvis  
19 Islands, Kingman Reef, Navassa Island, Serranilla  
20 Bank, Bajo Nuevo Bank, and Palmyra Atoll.

