

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3534
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE

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

1 SEC. ____ ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDIES.

2 (a) RECOVERY OF COSTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL BASE-
3 LINE STUDIES.—The Secretary of the Interior shall—

4 (1) establish, assess, and collect from each ap-
5 plicant for an oil and gas lease under the Outer
6 Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337 et
7 seq.), a fee to recover from such applicants the costs
8 of conducting environmental baseline studies of the
9 areas for which such leases are awarded; and

10 (2) subject to the availability of appropriations,
11 use such fees to conduct such studies.

12 (b) USE OF DATA.—The Secretary may use data col-
13 lected in studies under subsection (a)(2) to—

14 (1) monitor the impacts of activity conducted
15 under such leases;

16 (2) inform the development of offshore renew-
17 able energy resources; and

18 (3) develop coastal and marine spatial plans.

1 (c) TERMINATION.—This section shall have no force
2 or effect after the expiration of the 5-year period begin-
3 ning on the date of enactment of this Act.

