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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 6
OFFERED BY MR. REYNOLDS OF NEW YORK

At the end of the bill add the following:

1 **DIVISION — MISCELLANEOUS**
2 **PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. 01. ENCOURAGING PROHIBITION OF OFF-SHORE**
4 **DRILLING IN THE GREAT LAKES.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

6 (1) the water resources of the Great Lakes
7 Basin are precious public natural resources, shared
8 and held in trust by the States of Illinois, Indiana,
9 Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsyl-
10 vania, and Wisconsin, and the Canadian Province of
11 Ontario;

12 (2) the environmental dangers associated with
13 off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas
14 outweigh the potential benefits of such drilling;

15 (3) in accordance with the Submerged Lands
16 Act (43 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.), each State that bor-
17 ders any of the Great Lakes has authority over the
18 area between that State's coastline and the bound-
19 ary of Canada or another State;

20 (4) the States of Illinois, Michigan, New York,
21 Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin each have a statutory



1 prohibition of off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes
2 for oil and gas;

3 (5) the States of Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio
4 do not have such a prohibition; and

5 (6) the Canadian Province of Ontario does not
6 have such a prohibition, and drilling for and produc-
7 tion of gas occurs in the Canadian portion of Lake
8 Erie.

9 (b) ENCOURAGEMENT OF PROHIBITIONS ON OFF-
10 SHORE DRILLING.—The Congress encourages—

11 (1) the States of Illinois, Michigan, New York,
12 Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to continue to prohibit
13 off-shore drilling in the Great Lakes for oil and gas;

14 (2) the States of Indiana, Minnesota, and Ohio
15 and the Canadian Province of Ontario to enact a
16 prohibition of such drilling; and

17 (3) the Canadian Province of Ontario to require
18 the cessation of any such drilling and any production
19 resulting from such drilling.

