

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1231
OFFERED BY MR. MARKEY OF MASSACHUSETTS
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON LEASING IN CERTAIN FEDERAL**
2 **PROTECTED AREAS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of Federal law, no lease or other authorization may
5 be issued by the Federal Government that authorizes ex-
6 ploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas
7 in—

8 (1) any marine national monument or national
9 marine sanctuary; or

10 (2) the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank
11 in the waters of the United States, which is one of
12 the largest and historically important fishing
13 grounds of the United States.

14 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF COORDINATES OF GEORGES
15 BANK.—The Secretary of the Interior, after publication
16 of public notice and an opportunity for public comment,
17 shall identify the specific coordinates that delineate

1 Georges Bank in the waters of the United States for pur-
2 poses of subsection (a).

