

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3410
OFFERED BY Ms . Tsongas**

Page 26, after line 16, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 503. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

2 The Secretary of the Interior shall require that drill-
3 ing operations conducted under each lease issued under
4 this Act (including the amendments made by this Act)
5 meet requirements for—

6 (1) third-party certification of safety systems
7 related to well control, such as blowout preventers;

8 (2) performance of blowout preventers, includ-
9 ing quantitative risk assessment standards, subsea
10 testing, and secondary activation methods;

11 (3) independent third-party certification of well
12 casing and cementing programs and procedures;

13 (4) mandatory safety and environmental man-
14 agement systems by operators on the outer Conti-
15 nental Shelf (as that term is used in the Outer Con-
16 tinental Shelf Lands Act); and

1 (5) procedures and technologies to be used dur-
2 ing drilling operations to minimize the risk of igni-
3 tion and explosion of hydrocarbons.

