

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1584  
OFFERED BY MR. WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. PLUM ISLAND SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a  
3 special resource study of the study area.

4 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
5 section (a), the Secretary shall—

6 (1) evaluate the national significance of the  
7 study area;

8 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of  
9 designating the study area as a unit administered by  
10 the Department of the Interior;

11 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,  
12 protection, and interpretation of the study area by  
13 the Federal Government, State or local govern-  
14 mental entities, or private and nonprofit organiza-  
15 tions;

16 (4) consult with interested Federal agencies,  
17 State or local governmental entities, private and

1 nonprofit organizations, or any other interested indi-  
2 viduals; and

3 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-  
4 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and  
5 maintenance associated with the alternatives consid-  
6 ered.

7 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under  
8 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-  
9 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

10 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
11 on which funds are first made available to carry out the  
12 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to  
13 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
14 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
15 House of Representatives a report that describes—

16 (1) the findings and conclusions of the study;  
17 and

18 (2) any recommendations of the Secretary.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
21 the Secretary of the Interior.

22 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”  
23 means the Federal property commonly known as  
24 “Plum Island” in the State of New York, includ-  
25 ing—

- 1 (A) the Orient Point facility; and
- 2 (B) all real and personal property and
- 3 transportation assets that support—
- 4 (i) Plum Island operations; and
- 5 (ii) access to Plum Island.

