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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1231

OFFERED BY MR. MARKEY OF MASSACHUSETTS

AND MS. TSONGAS OF MASSACHUSETTS

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~~ *offer any*

6 ~~authorizes~~ *for* ex-  
7 ploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas  
8 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).

