

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3534
OFFERED BY MS. PINGREE OF MAINE

At the end of title I add the following:

1 SEC. ____ . OFFICE OF OFFSHORE RENEWABLE ENERGY.

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
3 the Office of the Secretary of the Interior an Office of
4 Offshore Renewable Energy to be headed by a Director
5 of Offshore Renewable Energy.

6 (b) DUTIES.—The Director shall—

7 (1) carry out all functions, powers, and duties
8 vested in the Secretary relating to ocean renewable
9 energy resource management, including planning,
10 leasing, licensing, and fee and royalty collection for
11 such ocean renewable energy resource facilities;

12 (2) develop and administer an efficient leasing
13 and licensing process for offshore renewable energy
14 resource facilities to promote the environmentally
15 sustainable development of such resources.

16 (c) FUNCTIONS.—The Director—

17 (1) shall promulgate and implement regulations
18 pursuant to this Act;

1 (2) shall recommend to the Secretary actions
2 that would expedite permitting of offshore renewable
3 energy resource development while ensuring compli-
4 ance with all environmental laws and regulations;
5 and

6 (3) may study barriers to the development of
7 emerging renewable energy resource technologies on
8 the Outer Continental Shelf and make recommenda-
9 tions on overcoming such barriers.

10 (d) FINDING REGARDING TRANSFER OF DUTIES OF
11 OFFICE.—Five years after the date of enactment of this
12 Act, the Secretary shall make a finding as to whether off-
13 shore renewable technologies and projects have progressed
14 sufficiently that the duties of the Office should be trans-
15 ferred out of the Secretary's office and into a separate
16 entity within the Department of the Interior.

