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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require the National Marine Fisheries Service to take immediate action to increase energy production.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 4802**

To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE to the amendment (No. \_\_\_\_\_) proposed by Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. BALDWIN)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ACTIONS BY NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERV-**  
3 **ICE TO INCREASE ENERGY PRODUCTION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Marine Fisheries  
5 Service shall, immediately upon the enactment of this Act,  
6 take action to address the outstanding backlog of letters  
7 of authorization for the Gulf of Mexico.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
9 gress that the National Marine Fisheries Service should—

10 (1) take immediate action to issue a rule that  
11 allows the Service to approve outstanding and future

1 applications for letters of authorization consistent  
2 with the Service's permitting activities; and  
3 (2) on or after the effective date of the rule,  
4 prioritize the consideration of applications in a man-  
5 ner that is consistent with applicable Federal law.