

AMENDMENT**OFFERED BY MR. VAN DREW OF NEW JERSEY**

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2 ____ . NEW JERSEY HOT SPOT EROSION MITIGATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct 1 or
3 more studies on the effects of hot spot erosion on author-
4 ized coastal storm risk management projects in the State
5 of New Jersey, which shall include, with respect to each
6 affected project included in a study—

7 (1) the specific area of the project that is af-
8 fected by hot spot erosion;

9 (2) the impact of hot spot erosion on the effec-
10 tiveness of the project in meeting the purpose of
11 coastal storm risk management; and

12 (3) recommendations for mitigating the effects
13 of hot spot erosion on authorized coastal storm risk
14 management projects in the State of New Jersey,
15 which may include recommendations relating to—

16 (A) the design and construction of sea-
17 walls, jetties, berms, groins, breakwaters, or
18 other physical structures;

1 (B) the use of natural features and nature-
2 based features, including living shorelines; and

3 (C) modifications to project designs or re-
4 nourishment.

5 (b) FORM.—A study conducted under subsection (a)
6 may be in the form of a general reevaluation report, an
7 engineering documentation report, or any other method of
8 assessment that the Secretary determines appropriate.

9 (c) TREATMENT OF STUDIES.—For an authorized
10 coastal storm risk management project in the State of
11 New Jersey that is included in a study under this section,
12 the Secretary may carry out such study, regardless of
13 form, using amounts made available for the construction
14 of the project.

15 (d) CHIEF'S REPORT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, as a result of a study
17 carried out under this section, the Secretary deter-
18 mines that a recommended measure would require
19 specific authorization by Congress, the Secretary
20 shall prepare and transmit to Congress a report of
21 the Chief of Engineers containing the recommenda-
22 tion of the Chief with respect to the measure for the
23 purpose of congressional authorization.

24 (2) BENEFITS AND COSTS.—In evaluating the
25 benefits and costs of a project for which a report is

1 prepared under paragraph (1), the benefits attrib-
2 utable to nature-based features shall be deemed to
3 be at least equal to the costs of such features.

4 (e) DESIGN, FUNDING, AND CONSTRUCTION.—Upon
5 completion of a study that, pursuant to subsection (a)(3),
6 identifies and justifies recommendations necessary to miti-
7 gate hot-spot erosion, a report prepared under subsection
8 (d) shall be sufficient to proceed to project design, fund-
9 ing, and construction. Such report may include rec-
10 ommendations identified under subsection (a)(3)(C), even
11 if such recommendations were not identified in the original
12 authorization for the project, including any recommenda-
13 tions with respect to which beach nourishment alone is not
14 cost-effective or sustainable.

15 (f) HOT SPOT EROSION DEFINED.—In this section,
16 the term “hot spot erosion” means the loss of sediment
17 in a specific, concentrated area, significantly faster in im-
18 mediately surrounding areas, due to natural processes.

