AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3409
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

At the end of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 315 PILOT PROJECT.

(a) Under the authority provided to the Secretary of Transportation under section 50105(c) of title 46, United States Code, such Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Maritime Administration, shall conduct a pilot project to determine whether wing-in-ground craft, as that term is defined in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code, that are capable of carrying at least one individual—

(1) can provide transportation between on-shore facilities and offshore energy facilities; and

(2) can safely reach helidecks or platforms located on offshore energy facilities under such craft’s own power.

(b) The Secretary of Transportation—

(1) along with the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, shall brief the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the
Senate on any regulatory changes, including regarding inspections and manning, that would be necessary to allow such craft to operate between onshore facilities and offshore energy facilities when such craft is operating as a vessel; and

(2) along with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, shall brief the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Senate on any regulatory changes that would be necessary to address potential impacts to air traffic control and other aircraft operations, and to ensure safe operations on or near helidecks and platforms located on offshore energy facilities when such craft are operating as aircraft.