

1 COMMITTEE REPORT

2 January 23, 2014

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H. 4166

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6 Introduced by Reps. Clemmons and Goldfinch

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12 **THE COMMITTEE ON**

13 **AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

14 To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (H. 4166)
15 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact
16 legislation revising or requiring revisions to the boundaries of the
17 Southeastern United States federal outer continental shelf, etc.,
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REPORT:

20 That they have duly and carefully considered the same and
21 recommend that the same do pass:

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23 DANIEL B. VERDIN III for Committee.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION REVISING OR REQUIRING REVISIONS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES FEDERAL OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS' BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TO PROTECT SOUTH CAROLINA'S INTERESTS WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL ENERGY LEASES IN THESE DISTRICTS.

Whereas, the boundaries of the Outer Continental Shelf Administrative Districts established off the southeastern Atlantic coastal states by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) of the United States Department of Interior were set by BOEM without negotiation by the affected states; and

Whereas, now that BOEM has called for information for commercial leasing for wind power in near-shore tracts BOEM describes as "off North Carolina"; and

Whereas, while this State is not opposed to the development of near-shore commercial wind power, our reliance on natural resources and habitats for our recreational and commercial fishing industries and coastal tourism, among other concerns, makes it necessary that we have the opportunity to provide maximum input and guidance with respect to commercial leasing impacting our shore line; and

Whereas, the "off North Carolina" description of BOEM's Docketed Case BOEM-2012-0088, Federal Register Volume 77, No. 240, relating to the leasing blocks in that case belie the fact

