

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

At the end of title III, insert the following:

1 SEC. 315 PILOT PROJECT.

2 (a) Under the authority provided to the Secretary of
3 Transportation under section 50105(c) of title 46, United
4 States Code, such Secretary, acting through the Adminis-
5 trator of the Maritime Administration, shall conduct a
6 pilot project to determine whether wing-in-ground craft,
7 as that term is defined in section 2101 of title 46, United
8 States Code, that are capable of carrying at least one indi-
9 vidual—

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

12 (2) can safely reach helidecks or platforms lo-
13 cated on offshore energy facilities under such craft's
14 own power.

15 (b) The Secretary of Transportation—

16 (1) along with the Secretary of the department
17 in which the Coast Guard is operating, shall brief
18 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
19 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
20 on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the

1 Senate on any regulatory changes, including regard-
2 ing inspections and manning, that would be nec-
3 essary to allow such craft to operate between on-
4 shore facilities and offshore energy facilities when
5 such craft is operating as a vessel; and

6 (2) along with the Administrator of the Federal
7 Aviation Administration, shall brief the Committee
8 on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House
9 of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce,
10 Science and Transportation of the Senate on any
11 regulatory changes that would be necessary to ad-
12 dress potential impacts to air traffic control and
13 other aircraft operations, and to ensure safe oper-
14 ations on or near helidecks and platforms located on
15 offshore energy facilities when such craft are oper-
16 ating as aircraft.

