

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To prohibit the use of funds to implement the Presidential Proclamation modifying the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 1957

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUMENTHAL to the amendment (No. 1617) proposed by Mr. GARDNER

Viz:

1 At the end, add the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION OF USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLE-**
 3 **MENT THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION**
 4 **MODIFYING THE NORTHEAST CANYONS AND**
 5 **SEAMOUNTS MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

7 (1) the Presidential Proclamation of June 5,
 8 2020, relating to “Modifying the Northeast Canyons
 9 and Seamounts Marine National Monument” is ille-
 10 gal and should not be carried out;

1 (2) the President does not have the legal au-
2 thority under the Constitution of the United States
3 or any Federal law to eliminate the protections nec-
4 essary for the “proper care and management” of the
5 “objects of scientific and historic interest” at a na-
6 tional monument, as required under chapter 3203 of
7 title 54, United States Code;

8 (3) only Congress may make a significant
9 change in the protection of a national monument;

10 (4) in attempting to roll back the protections
11 for the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine
12 National Monument under Presidential Proclama-
13 tion 9496, as issued on September 15, 2016 (54
14 U.S.C. 320301 note), the action of the President on
15 June 5, 2020, was unlawful; and

16 (5) Congress should not provide funds to imple-
17 ment the modifications to Presidential Proclamation
18 9496, as issued on September 15, 2016 (54 U.S.C.
19 320301 note).

20 (b) FUNDING PROHIBITION.—No funds, resources, or
21 fees made available to the Secretary of Commerce, the
22 Secretary of the Interior, or any other official of a Federal
23 agency by any Act for any fiscal year may be used to im-
24 plement or enforce the Presidential Proclamation issued

1 on June 5, 2020, which modifies the Northeast Canyons
2 and Seamounts Marine National Monument.