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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve the bill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3923

To improve the weather research of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, and expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Ms. ROSEN

Viz:

- 1 On page 71, between lines 6 and 7, insert the fol-
- 2 lowing:
- 3 (d) OPERATIONAL EQUIVALENCY REQUIREMENTS.—
- 4 Not less than 90 days before any relevant Federal agency
- 5 that supports software development that is used for weath-
- 6 er predictions may transfer such management or operation
- 7 to a non-Federal entity, that agency shall evaluate and
- 8 provide a report to the appropriate committees of Con-
- 9 gress on how the successor infrastructure achieves oper-
- 10 ational equivalency and maintains forecast accuracy and
- 11 data latency.

1 On page 192, between lines 22 and 23, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 (4) EVALUATION.—Not less than 30 days be-
4 fore any mid-award action to restructure, divest, or
5 transfer atmospheric research activities or infra-
6 structure, the advisory committee under paragraph
7 (1) shall evaluate and provide a report to the appro-
8 priate committees of Congress on the effect of that
9 transfer on weather forecasts, including forecast ac-
10 curacy, future forecast improvements, Federal in-
11 vestments, and long-term datasets.

12 (5) LIMITATION.—The Director (as defined in
13 section 1001) may not initiate any mid-award action
14 to restructure, divest, or transfer atmospheric re-
15 search activities or infrastructure until 30 days after
16 the report under paragraph (4) is delivered to the
17 appropriate committees of Congress.

18 On page 193, beginning on line 1, strike “Com-
19 mittee” and all that follows through “Representatives” on
20 line 4 and insert “appropriate committee of Congress”.

21 On page 193, strike line 24 and insert the following:

1 (f) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
2 CONGRESS.—In this section, the term “appropriate com-
3 mittees of Congress” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
5 Transportation of the Senate; and

6 (2) the Committee on Science, Space, and
7 Technology of the House of Representatives.

8 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—From