AMENDMENT NO._______          Calendar No._____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.


S. 3434

To commission a study relating to the manufacturing programs of the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ______________________ and

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. Peters (for himself and Mrs. Blackburn)

Viz:

1     Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2     lowing:

3     SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4     This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Support
5     for American Manufacturing Act”.

6     SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS OF
7     THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

8     (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9     (1) ACADEMY.—The term “Academy” means

10    the National Academy of Public Administration.
(2) Commerce manufacturing programs.—

The term "commerce manufacturing programs" mean the programs of the Department of Com-
merce—

(A) that provide services or support to manufacturers in the United States, such as—

(i) the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program established under section 25 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k); and

(ii) the Manufacturing USA Program established under section 34 of the Na-
tional Institute of Standards and Tech-
ology Act (15 U.S.C. 278s); and

(B) that—

(i) conduct activities relating to the support of manufacturers and manufac-
turing in the United States; and

(ii) the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Academy, considers appropriate and relevant to the purposes of the study conducted under subsection (b).

(b) Study.—The Secretary of Commerce shall enter into a contract with the Academy to conduct a study—
(1) on the commerce manufacturing programs, the statutory foundations of the commerce manufacturing programs, and the merits and limitations of the commerce manufacturing programs;

(2) that considers and evaluates options to optimize the management and increase the impact of the commerce manufacturing programs, including options to consolidate the administration of the commerce manufacturing programs by creating an agency responsible for that administration; and

(3) that suggests a structure for legislation that would implement the options described in paragraph (2).

(c) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under subsection (b) shall include—

(1) a comprehensive collection of the statutory authorities for the commerce manufacturing programs;

(2) an assessment of available Federal proposals to consolidate the commerce manufacturing programs; and

(3) a consideration of the administrative and organizational relationships—

(A) between the heads of the commerce manufacturing programs;
(B) within the Department of Commerce;

and

(C) between the Department of Commerce

and States.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year

after the date on which the Academy enters into a contract

to conduct a study under subsection (b), the Academy

shall submit a summary of the findings and recommenda-
tions of the study to—

(1) the Committee on Appropriations and the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
tation of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Appropriations and the

Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House

of Representatives.