



AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

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 ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

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 following:
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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.

1 (2) COMMERCE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS.—

2 The term “commerce manufacturing programs”
3 mean the programs of the Department of Com-
4 merce—

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

7 (i) the Hollings Manufacturing Exten-
8 sion Partnership Program established
9 under section 25 of the National Institute
10 of Standards and Technology Act (15
11 U.S.C. 278k); and

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

16 (B) that—

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

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

24 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Commerce shall enter
25 into a contract with the Academy to conduct a study—

1 (1) on the commerce manufacturing programs,
2 the statutory foundations of the commerce manufac-
3 turing programs, and the merits and limitations of
4 the commerce manufacturing programs;

5 (2) that considers and evaluates options to opti-
6 mize the management and increase the impact of the
7 commerce manufacturing programs, including op-
8 tions to consolidate the administration of the com-
9 merce manufacturing programs by creating an agen-
10 cy responsible for that administration; and

11 (3) that suggests a structure for legislation that
12 would implement the options described in paragraph
13 (2).

14 (c) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under sub-
15 section (b) shall include—

16 (1) a comprehensive collection of the statutory
17 authorities for the commerce manufacturing pro-
18 grams;

19 (2) an assessment of available Federal pro-
20 posals to consolidate the commerce manufacturing
21 programs; and

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

24 (A) between the heads of the commerce
25 manufacturing programs;

1 (B) within the Department of Commerce;

2 and

3 (C) between the Department of Commerce

4 and States.

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

6 after the date on which the Academy enters into a contract

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

8 shall submit a summary of the findings and recommenda-

9 tions of the study to—

10 (1) the Committee on Appropriations and the

11 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

12 tation of the Senate; and

13 (2) the Committee on Appropriations and the

14 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House

15 of Representatives.