

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require certain Federal agencies to establish consistent policies relating to forest biomass energy to help address the energy needs of the United States.

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To provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. COLLINS to the amendment (No. 2953) proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI

Viz:

1 At the end of part IV of subtitle A of title III, add
2 the following:

3 **SEC. 30__ . POLICIES RELATING TO BIOMASS ENERGY.**

4 To support the key role that forests in the United
5 States can play in addressing the energy needs of the
6 United States, the Secretary, the Secretary of Agriculture,
7 and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
8 Agency shall jointly—

9 (1) ensure that Federal policy relating to forest
10 bioenergy—

1 (A) is consistent across all Federal depart-
2 ments and agencies; and

3 (B) recognizes the full benefits of the use
4 of forest biomass for energy, conservation, and
5 responsible forest management; and

6 (2) establish clear and simple policies for the
7 use of biomass as an energy solution, including poli-
8 cies that—

9 (A) reflect the carbon-neutrality of forest
10 bioenergy;

11 (B) recognize biomass as a renewable en-
12 ergy source;

13 (C) encourage private investment through-
14 out the biomass supply chain, including in—

15 (i) working forests;

16 (ii) harvesting operations;

17 (iii) forest improvement operations;

18 (iv) bioenergy;

19 (v) wood products; and

20 (vi) paper manufacturing;

21 (D) encourage forest management to im-
22 prove forest health; and

23 (E) recognize State initiatives to use bio-
24 mass.