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S. 565

To reduce the operation and maintenance costs associated with the Federal fleet by encouraging the use of remanufactured parts, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2015

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Vehicle Repair
5 Cost Savings Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that, in March 2013, the Government
8 Accountability Office issued a report that confirmed
9 that—

1 (1) there are approximately 588,000 vehicles in
2 the civilian Federal fleet;

3 (2) Federal agencies spent approximately
4 \$975,000,000 on repair and maintenance of the
5 Federal fleet in 2011;

6 (3) remanufactured vehicle components, such as
7 engines, starters, alternators, steering racks, and
8 clutches, tend to be less expensive than comparable
9 new replacement parts; and

10 (4) the United States Postal Service and the
11 Department of the Interior both informed the Gov-
12 ernment Accountability Office that the respective
13 agencies rely on the use of remanufactured vehicle
14 components to reduce costs.

15 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16 In this Act—

17 (1) the term “Federal agency” has the meaning
18 given that term in section 102 of title 40, United
19 States Code; and

20 (2) the term “remanufactured vehicle compo-
21 nent” means a vehicle component (including an en-
22 gine, transmission, alternator, starter, turbocharger,
23 steering, or suspension component) that has been re-
24 turned to same-as-new, or better, condition and per-
25 formance by a standardized industrial process that

1 incorporates technical specifications (including engi-
2 neering, quality, and testing standards) to yield fully
3 warranted products.

4 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO USE REMANUFACTURED VEHI-**
5 **CLE COMPONENTS.**

6 The head of each Federal agency—

7 (1) shall encourage the use of remanufactured
8 vehicle components to maintain Federal vehicles, if
9 using such components reduces the cost of maintain-
10 ing the Federal vehicles while maintaining quality;
11 and

12 (2) shall not encourage the use of remanufac-
13 tured vehicle components to maintain Federal vehi-
14 cles, if using such components—

15 (A) does not reduce the cost of maintain-
16 ing Federal vehicles;

17 (B) lowers the quality of vehicle perform-
18 ance, as determined by the employee of the
19 Federal agency responsible for the repair deci-
20 sion; or

21 (C) delays the return to service of a vehi-
22 cle.

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