

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2588

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 and succeeding fiscal years for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2004

Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. BINGAMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
4                       **MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP**  
5                       **PROGRAM OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF**  
6                       **STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY.**

7       (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FIS-  
8       CAL YEAR 2005.—There is authorized to be appropriated

1 for fiscal year 2005 for the National Institute of Stand-  
 2 ards and Technology, \$220,000,000 for the Manufac-  
 3 turing Extension Partnership program.

4 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUC-  
 5 CEEDING FISCAL YEARS.—The amount authorized to be  
 6 appropriated for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2005 for  
 7 the National Institute of Standards and Technology for  
 8 the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program is the  
 9 amount authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year  
 10 preceding such fiscal year increased by a percentage of  
 11 the amount authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal  
 12 year preceding such fiscal year equal to the percentage  
 13 by which—

14 (1) the Consumer Price Index (all items, United  
 15 States city average) for the 12-month period ending  
 16 on the June 30 preceding the beginning of the fiscal  
 17 year for which the increase is made, exceeds

18 (2) such Consumer Price Index for the 12-  
 19 month period preceding the 12-month period de-  
 20 scribed in paragraph (1).

21 (c) MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP  
 22 PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section the term “Manufac-  
 23 turing Extension Partnership program” means the Manu-  
 24 facturing Extension Partnership program under sections

1 25 and 26 of the National Institute of Standards and  
2 Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278l, 278k).

