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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2011

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. CONRAD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “EPA Stationary
5 Source Regulations Suspension Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN EPA ACTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
3 (b), notwithstanding any provision of the Clean Air Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), until the end of the 2-year pe-
5 riod beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the
6 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
7 may not take any action under the Clean Air Act (42
8 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) with respect to any stationary source
9 permitting requirement or any requirement under section
10 111 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 7411) relating to carbon diox-
11 ide or methane.

12 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsections (a) and (c) shall not
13 apply to—

14 (1) any action under part A of title II of the
15 Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521 et seq.) relating to
16 the vehicle emissions standards;

17 (2) any action relating to the preparation of a
18 report or the enforcement of a reporting require-
19 ment; or

20 (3) any action relating to the provision of tech-
21 nical support at the request of a State.

22 (c) TREATMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
23 sion of law, no action taken by the Administrator of the
24 Environmental Protection Agency before the end of the
25 2-year period described in subsection (a) (including any
26 action taken before the date of enactment of this Act)

1 shall be considered to make carbon dioxide or methane a
2 pollutant subject to regulation under the Clean Air Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) for any source other than a new
4 motor vehicle or new motor vehicle engine, as described
5 in section 202(a) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 7521(a)).

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