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To expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 4, 2015

Mr. CASSIDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Energy Technologies
5 Access and Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES MANUFAC-**
2 **TURING INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 136(a) of the Energy
4 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
5 17013(a)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and
7 (5), as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively;

8 (2) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A),
10 (B), and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), re-
11 spectively;

12 (B) in the matter preceding clause (i), as
13 redesignated, by striking “means an ultra effi-
14 cient vehicle or a light duty vehicle that
15 meets—” and inserting the following: “means—

16 “(A) an ultra efficient vehicle or a light
17 duty vehicle that meets—”;

18 (C) in clause (iii), as redesignated, by
19 striking the period at the end and inserting a
20 semicolon; and

21 (D) by adding at the end the following:

22 “(B) a commercial truck manufactured in
23 the United States that meets at least 125 per-
24 cent of the average base year combined fuel
25 economy for vehicles with substantially similar
26 attributes; and

1 “(C) a United States flagged vessel.”;

2 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(3) COMMERCIAL TRUCK.—The term ‘commer-
5 cial truck’ means an on-highway vehicle with a gross
6 vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more.”;
7 and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(7) UNITED STATES FLAGGED VESSEL.—The
10 term ‘United States flagged vessel’ means any vessel
11 that has been issued a certificate of documentation
12 under chapter 121 of title 46, United States Code.”.

13 (b) MANUFACTURING GRANTS.—Section 136(b) of
14 such Act (42 U.S.C. 17013(b)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1), by redesignating subpara-
16 graphs (A), (B), and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and
17 (iii), respectively;

18 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
19 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively;

20 (3) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
21 as redesignated—

22 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
23 serting the following:

24 “(1) AWARDS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary”;
25 and

1 (B) by inserting “commercial truck manu-
2 facturers, vessel manufacturers in the United
3 States,” after “vehicle manufacturers”; and
4 (4) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(2) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—The Sec-
6 retary, through the Loan Programs Office, shall—

7 “(A) accelerate efforts to engage sufficient
8 engineering expertise to verify that borrowers
9 under this section are delivering projects in ac-
10 cordance with applicable loan agreements; and

11 “(B) develop sufficient and quantifiable
12 performance measures to achieve the intent of
13 the direct loan program established under sub-
14 section (d).”.

15 (c) DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.—

16 (1) DEBT REDUCTION.—Section 136(d) of such
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 17013(d)) is amended by adding at
18 the end the following:

19 “(5) DEDICATION OF PROCEEDS TO DEBT RE-
20 Duction.—All the proceeds from the repayment of
21 loans under this subsection shall be used by the Sec-
22 retary of the Treasury to pay down the national
23 debt.”.

1 (2) SUNSET.—Section 136(d) of the Energy
2 Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C.
3 17013(d)) shall be repealed on January 1, 2020.

4 (3) NATIONAL DEBT REPAYMENT.—Any
5 amount appropriated for loans pursuant to section
6 136(d) of the Energy Independence and Security
7 Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17013(d)) that remains un-
8 obligated as of the date set forth in paragraph (2)
9 is rescinded and shall be used by the Secretary of
10 the Treasury to pay down the national debt.

11 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
12 136(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 17013(i)) is amended by
13 striking “2008 through 2012” and inserting “2015
14 through 2020”.

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