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# S. 3240

To promote energy production and security in the United States, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10 (legislative day, JULY 9), 2008

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To promote energy production and security in the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “Better Energy Strat-  
5 egy for Tomorrow Act of 2008” or the “BEST Act of  
6 2008”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

1           (1) AIR POLLUTANT.—The term “air pollutant”  
2           has the meaning given the term in section 302 of the  
3           Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7602).

4           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
5           the Secretary of Energy.

6 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL ENERGY POLICIES.**

7           Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment  
8           of this Act and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall—

9           (1) conduct an analysis of all policies of the  
10          Federal Government (including mandates, subsidies,  
11          tariffs, and tax policy) that encourage, or have the  
12          potential to encourage, energy production in the  
13          United States; and

14          (2) submit to the Committee on Energy and  
15          Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee  
16          on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
17          resentatives a report that contains recommendations  
18          for the adjustment of the policies described in para-  
19          graph (1) to reduce—

20                  (A) the dependence of the United States  
21                  on foreign sources of energy;

22                  (B) the quantity of air pollutants in the  
23                  environment;

24                  (C) greenhouse gas emissions; and

25                  (D) the cost of energy.

1 **SEC. 4. ENERGY SECURITY STRATEGY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act and every 4 years thereafter,  
4 the President shall develop an energy security strategy  
5 that proposes comprehensive and long-range energy poli-  
6 cies for the United States to reduce—

7 (1) the dependence of the United States on for-  
8 eign sources of energy;

9 (2) the quantity of air pollutants in the environ-  
10 ment;

11 (3) greenhouse gas emissions; and

12 (4) the cost of energy.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
14 of enactment of this Act and every 4 years year thereafter,  
15 the President shall submit to the Committee on Energy  
16 and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee  
17 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives  
18 a report that describes the latest energy security strategy  
19 developed under subsection (a), including—

20 (1) an estimate of the domestic and foreign en-  
21 ergy supplies needed to meet the projected energy  
22 demand of the United States consistent with the  
23 strategy developed under subsection (a); and

24 (2) a summary of research and development ef-  
25 forts funded by the Federal Government to achieve  
26 the strategy developed under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) COMMENTS.—In preparing each report required  
3 under sections 3(2) and 4(b) (referred to in this section  
4 as “each report”), the Secretary and the President, re-  
5 spectively, shall seek the comments of State and local  
6 agencies and the private sector to ensure, to the maximum  
7 extent practicable, that the views and proposals of all seg-  
8 ments of the economy are taken into account in preparing  
9 each report.

10 (b) DATA AND ANALYSIS.—The Secretary and the  
11 President shall include in each report such data and anal-  
12 yses as are necessary to support the objectives, resource  
13 needs, and policy recommendations of each report.

14 (c) REVIEW.—The Secretary and the President shall  
15 enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of  
16 Sciences under which the Academy shall—

17 (1) conduct a review of each report; and

18 (2) submit to the Committee on Energy and  
19 Natural Resources of the Senate, the Committee on  
20 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-  
21 tives, and the Secretary a report that describes the  
22 results of each review.

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