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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS)

Viz:

1 Page 209, after line 6, insert:

2 "SEC. 6. CONSERVE BY BICYCLING PROGRAM.

3 "(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 "(1) The term 'program' means the Conserve by Bicycling Program established by
5 subsection (b).

6 "(2) The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Transportation.

7 "(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within the Department of Transportation a
8 program to be known as the 'Conserve by Bicycling Program'.

9 "(c) PROJECTS.—

1 “(1) In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall establish not more than 10 pilot
2 projects that are—

3 “(A) dispersed geographically throughout the United States; and

4 “(B) designed to conserve energy resources by encouraging the use of bicycles
5 in place of motor vehicles.

6 “(2) A pilot project described in paragraph (1) shall—

7 “(A) use education and marketing to convert motor vehicle trips to bicycle trips;

8 “(B) document project results and energy savings (in estimated units of energy
9 conserved);

10 “(C) facilitate partnerships among interested parties in at least 2 of the fields of
11 transportation, law enforcement, education, public health, environment, and energy;

12 “(D) maximize bicycle facility investments;

13 “(E) demonstrate methods that may be used in other regions of the United
14 States; and

15 “(F) facilitate the continuation of ongoing programs that are sustained by local
16 resources.

17 “(3) At least 20 percent of the cost of each pilot project described in paragraph (1)
18 shall be provided from State or local sources.

19 “(d) ENERGY AND BICYCLING RESEARCH STUDY.—

20 “(1) Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
21 enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences for, and the National Academy of

1 Sciences shall conduct and submit to Congress, a report on a study on the feasibility of
2 converting motor vehicle trips to bicycle trips.

3 “(2) The study shall—

4 “(A) document the results or progress of the pilot projects under subsection (c)

5 “(B) determine the type and duration of motor vehicle trips that people in the
6 United States may feasibly make by bicycle, taking into consideration factors such as
7 weather, land use and traffic patterns, the carrying capacity of bicycles, and bicycle
8 infrastructure;

9 “(C) determine any energy savings that would result from the conversion of
10 motor vehicle trips to bicycle trips;

11 “(D) include a cost-benefit analysis of bicycle infrastructure investments; and

12 “(E) include a description of any factors that would encourage more motor
13 vehicle trips to be replaced with bicycle trips.

14 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to
15 carry out this section \$6,200,000, to remain available until expended, of which—

16 “(1) \$5,150,000 shall be used to carry out pilot projects described in subsection (c);

17 “(2) \$300,000 shall be used by the Secretary to coordinate, publicize, and disseminate
18 the results of the program; and

19 “(3) \$750,000 shall be used to carry out subsection (d).”