

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Energy and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out jointly a study to determine the feasibility and advisability of adding to the Energy Star program of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy a component to be known as the "Energy Superstar tier".

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To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve appliance standards, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. ____ . STUDY REGARDING ENERGY SUPERSTAR CON-**
- 3 **CEPT.**
- 4 Section 324A of the Energy Policy and Conservation
- 5 Act (42 U.S.C. 6294a) is amended by adding at the end
- 6 the following:

1 “(e) STUDY REGARDING ENERGY SUPERSTAR CON-
2 CEPT.—

3 “(1) STUDY.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
5 after the date of enactment of this subsection,
6 in accordance with subparagraph (B), the Sec-
7 retary and the Administrator of the Environ-
8 mental Protection Agency (referred to in this
9 subsection as the ‘heads of the Federal agencies
10 concerned’) shall carry out jointly a study to
11 determine the feasibility and advisability of add-
12 ing to the Energy Star program of the Environ-
13 mental Protection Agency and the Department
14 of Energy a component to be known as the ‘En-
15 ergy Superstar tier’ under which—

16 “(i) the tier would recognize the top-
17 performing products (which would include
18 the top approximately 5 percent of the
19 market) that are determined to be prod-
20 ucts that are cost-effective to consumers;
21 and

22 “(ii) at least a portion of the Energy
23 Star product categories would be included
24 under the tier.

1 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out
2 the study under subparagraph (A), the heads of
3 the Federal agencies concerned shall—

4 “(i) examine the costs and benefits,
5 and advantages and disadvantages, of es-
6 tablishing the Energy Superstar tier; and

7 “(ii) survey a sample of program par-
8 ticipants (including manufacturers, energy
9 efficiency program operators, and other in-
10 terested parties) to determine the opinions
11 of the program participants regarding the
12 potential usefulness of the Energy Super-
13 star tier.

14 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
15 date of enactment of this subsection, the heads of
16 the Federal agencies concerned shall jointly submit
17 to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
18 that contains each recommendation of the heads of
19 the Federal agencies concerned regarding—

20 “(A) whether the Energy Superstar tier
21 should be established; and

22 “(B) if the heads of the Federal agencies
23 concerned recommend the establishment of the
24 Energy Superstar tier under subparagraph (A),
25 a proposed schedule and budget for the estab-

1 lishment and implementation of the Energy Su-
2 perstar tier.”.