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AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Purpose: To require certain Federal agencies to establish consistent policies relating to forest biomass energy to help address the energy needs of the United States.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. COLLINS to the amendment (No. 2953) proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI

Viz:

- 1 At the end of part IV of subtitle A of title III, add
- 2 the following:
- 3 SEC. 30. POLICIES RELATING TO BIOMASS ENERGY.

- 4 To support the key role that forests in the United
- 5 States can play in addressing the energy needs of the
- 6 United States, the Secretary, the Secretary of Agriculture,
- 7 and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
- 8 Agency shall *consistent with their missions,* jointly—

- 9 (1) ensure that Federal policy relating to forest
- 10 bioenergy—

*(for herself
and
Ms. Klobuchar
and
Mr. King)
Ayotte
Franken
Daines
Crapo
Risch*

1 (A) is consistent across all Federal depart-
2 ments and agencies; and

3 (B) recognizes the full benefits of the use
4 of forest biomass for energy, conservation, and
5 responsible forest management; and

6 (2) establish clear and simple policies for the
7 use of ^{forest} biomass as an energy solution, including poli-
8 cies that—

9 (A) reflect the carbon-neutrality of forest
10 bioenergy^x and

11 ~~(B)~~ recognize biomass as a renewable en-
12 ergy source^x, ^{provided the use of forest biomass for}
13 ^{energy production does not cause}
^{(B) ~~do~~ encourage private investment through-} ^{conversion of forests to non-forest}
14 ^{forest} out the biomass supply chain, including in— ^{use.}

- 15 (i) working forests;
16 (ii) harvesting operations;
17 (iii) forest improvement operations;
18 (iv) ^{forest production} bioenergy;
19 (v) wood products; ^{manufacturing} and or
20 (vi) paper manufacturing;

21 (C) ~~(B)~~ encourage forest management to im-
22 prove forest health; and

23 (D) ~~(B)~~ recognize State initiatives to ^{produce and} use ^{bio-forest} biomass.
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