AMENDMENT NO. ________  Calendar No. _______

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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To provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

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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 jointly—
9  (1) ensure that Federal policy relating to forest
10  bioenergy—
(A) is consistent across all Federal departments and agencies; and
(B) recognizes the full benefits of the use of forest biomass for energy, conservation, and responsible forest management; and

(2) establish clear and simple policies for the use of biomass as an energy solution, including policies that—

(A) reflect the carbon-neutrality of forest bioenergy;

(B) recognize biomass as a renewable energy source;

(C) encourage private investment throughout the biomass supply chain, including in—

(i) working forests;

(ii) harvesting operations;

(iii) forest improvement operations;

(iv) bioenergy;

(v) wood products; and

(vi) paper manufacturing;

(D) encourage forest management to improve forest health; and

(E) recognize State initiatives to use biomass.