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To strengthen the economic competitiveness of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COONS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To strengthen the economic competitiveness of the United States.

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 “American Competitive-
5 ness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

7 It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should—

8 (1) eliminate tax loopholes that encourage com-
9 panies to ship American jobs overseas;

1 (2) expand markets for United States exports
2 by enforcing trade laws, stopping unfair currency
3 manipulation, and opening up new markets for prod-
4 ucts made in the United States;

5 (3) promote the development of new, innovative
6 products bearing the inscription “Made in America”
7 by creating tax incentives to support United States
8 industries and funding research and education pro-
9 grams to support and train workers in those newly
10 developed areas;

11 (4) modernize and improve the highways,
12 bridges, and transit systems of the United States to
13 reduce congestion and the negative impacts of con-
14 gestion on productivity and the communities of the
15 United States;

16 (5) modernize and upgrade the rail, levees,
17 dams, and ports of the United States to get com-
18 merce flowing farther and faster;

19 (6) place computers in classrooms to ensure
20 that all children in the United States have the tools
21 they need to be the innovators of tomorrow;

22 (7) ensure that small businesses and households
23 in the United States have access to high-speed
24 broadband;

1 (8) invest in critical new infrastructure, such as
2 a national energy grid, to reduce energy waste and
3 promote the use of renewable energy sources; and

4 (9) streamline regulatory policies that unneces-
5 sarily put the United States at a competitive dis-
6 advantage.

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