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To amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require the Secretary of Energy to develop and implement a strategic petroleum demand response plan to reduce the consumption of petroleum products by the Federal Government.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2011

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Strategic Petroleum
5 Demand Response Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGIC PETROLEUM DEMAND RESPONSE PLAN.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part F of title III of the Energy
3 Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6361 et seq.) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 384. STRATEGIC PETROLEUM DEMAND RESPONSE**
6 **PLAN.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
8 with the heads of other applicable Federal agencies, shall
9 develop and implement a strategic petroleum demand re-
10 sponse plan to reduce the consumption of petroleum prod-
11 ucts by the Federal Government.

12 “(b) ACTIVITIES.—The strategic petroleum demand
13 response plan may include activities such as—

14 “(1) flexible work schedules by Federal employ-
15 ees to reduce congestion;

16 “(2) telecommuting by Federal employees;

17 “(3) suspension of noncritical travel by Federal
18 employees;

19 “(4) reduction of consumption of oil to heat or
20 cool Federal buildings, including the use of energy
21 efficiency measures;

22 “(5) expanded use of electric or alternative fuel
23 vehicles; and

24 “(6) any other activity that reduces the con-
25 sumption of petroleum products by Federal agencies
26 and employees.

1 “(c) LIMITATION.—The strategic petroleum demand
2 response plan shall not significantly—

3 “(1) affect the critical functions of the Federal
4 Government; or

5 “(2) reduce the national security of the United
6 States.

7 “(d) VOLUNTARY RESPONSE PLAN.—The Secretary
8 shall develop and implement a voluntary response plan to
9 encourage individual companies and State and local gov-
10 ernments to reduce the consumption of petroleum prod-
11 ucts in conjunction with the strategic petroleum demand
12 response plan.

13 “(e) USE OF SALE PROCEEDS.—Notwithstanding
14 any other provision of this Act, the proceeds from the sale
15 of any petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum
16 Reserve under subtitle B of title I shall be used—

17 “(1) to carry out the strategic petroleum de-
18 mand response plan required by this section;

19 “(2) to procure electric vehicles for the Federal
20 Government; or

21 “(3) to work with the rental car industry to ex-
22 pand electric vehicle options for Federal employees.

23 “(f) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
24 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit
25 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of

1 the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
2 of the House of Representatives—

3 “(1) the strategic petroleum demand response
4 plan required by this section; and

5 “(2) any recommendations for amendments to
6 this section to reduce the consumption of petroleum
7 products under the strategic petroleum demand re-
8 sponse plan.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
10 tents in the first section of the Energy Policy and Con-
11 servation Act (42 U.S.C. prec. 6201) is amended by add-
12 ing at the end of the items relating to part F of title III
13 the following:

“Sec. 384. Strategic petroleum demand response plan.”.

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