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H. R. 2112

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to require the Federal Government to acquire not fewer than 50,000 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Purchasing Low-Emis-
5 sion Vehicles for Use in Government (PLUG) Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The President has said that the Nation is
9 “addicted to oil”.

1 (2) According to the Energy Information Ad-
2 ministration, the transportation sector consumed 69
3 percent of all petroleum used in the United States
4 in 2005.

5 (3) According to the Department of Energy, hy-
6 brid vehicles can be driven 40 to 70 miles per gallon
7 of gasoline and produce fewer greenhouse emissions
8 than conventional vehicles.

9 (4) Significant strides have been made in the
10 research and development of plug-in hybrid electric
11 vehicles.

12 (5) Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles can achieve
13 better gas mileage than standard hybrid vehicles
14 through the use of a larger battery that can be re-
15 charged by plugging the battery into a standard
16 home electrical outlet.

17 (6) At least one United States automobile man-
18 ufacturer is currently producing prototype plug-in
19 hybrid electric vans.

20 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHI-**
21 **CLES IN FEDERAL FLEET REQUIREMENT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(b) of the Energy Pol-
23 icy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13212(b)) is amended by add-
24 ing at the end the following:

1 “(4) In meeting the requirements of paragraph
2 (1)(D), the Secretary, with the cooperation of the heads
3 of other appropriate agencies, shall ensure that the Fed-
4 eral Government acquires not fewer than 50,000 plug-in
5 hybrid electric vehicles manufactured in the United States
6 by entities incorporated or organized under the laws of
7 the United States. The Federal government shall acquire
8 such vehicles during the 5-fiscal-year period beginning
9 after the date on which the Secretary determines that such
10 vehicles are commercially available.”.

11 (b) DEFINITION OF PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VE-
12 HICLE.—Section 301 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992
13 (42 U.S.C. 13211) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
15 (13);

16 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
17 graph (14) and inserting “; and”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(15) the term ‘plug-in hybrid electric vehicle’
20 means a light duty vehicle propelled by an internal
21 combustion engine or heat engine using—

22 “(A) a combustible fuel;

23 “(B) an on-board, rechargeable storage de-
24 vice; and

1 “(C) a device that collects electricity from
2 an off-board source.”.

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