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H. R. 3937

To evaluate and report on the feasibility and effectiveness of using natural gas as a fuel source in long haul trucks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself and Mr. TERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

4 It is the policy of Congress that our fuel supply needs
5 to be diverse and one method of diversification is the use
6 of natural gas as a fuel source in long haul trucks.

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION AND REPORT.**

2 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall—

4 (1) appoint representatives from the Depart-
5 ment of Energy, the Environmental Protection
6 Agency, the Department of Commerce, Members of
7 Congress, State governments, and private sector in-
8 dividuals to evaluate the issues described in para-
9 graph (2); and

10 (2) conduct an evaluation and report to Con-
11 gress on its findings regarding the following:

12 (A) Barriers to transition from diesel fuel
13 to natural gas in long haul trucks.

14 (B) Environmental benefits of using nat-
15 ural gas in long haul trucks.

16 (C) The benefits and drawbacks of using
17 natural gas in long haul trucks.

18 (D) The expected price differential between
19 traditional diesel oems and natural gas oems.

20 (E) Concerns of the participating rep-
21 resentatives appointed by the Secretary of using
22 natural gas in long haul trucks.

23 (F) The effect of using natural gas in long
24 haul trucks on the Highway Trust Fund.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

2 For purposes of this Act, the term “long haul truck”
3 means a commercial vehicle with a 26,000 pound or great-
4 er gross vehicle weight rating.

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