

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6538

To authorize certain long-term contracts for Federal purchases of energy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. NORMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Renewable Energy
5 Certainty Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTRACTS FOR FEDERAL PURCHASES OF EN-**
2 **ERGY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part 3 of title V of the National
4 Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8251 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 554. LONG-TERM CONTRACTS FOR ENERGY.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
8 501(b)(1)(B) of title 40, United States Code, an agency
9 may enter into a contract for the acquisition of energy
10 generated from renewable energy sources or from cogen-
11 eration facilities covering a period of not more than 30
12 years.

13 “(b) STANDARDIZED ENERGY PURCHASE AGREE-
14 MENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-
15 ment of this section, the Secretary, through the Federal
16 Energy Management Program, shall publish a standard-
17 ized energy purchase agreement, setting forth commercial
18 terms and conditions, that agencies may use to acquire
19 energy generated from renewable energy sources or from
20 cogeneration facilities.

21 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall
22 provide technical assistance to assist agencies in imple-
23 menting this section.”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—The table
2 of contents for such Act is amended by adding at the end
3 of the items relating to such part 3 the following new item:

“Sec. 554. Long-term contracts for energy.”.

