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H. R. 5531

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 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In the State of the Union Address, the
6 President said that the Nation is “addicted to oil”.

7 (2) According to the Energy Information Ad-
8 ministration, the transportation sector consumed 67
9 percent of all petroleum used in the United States
10 in 2004.

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

5 (4) Significant strides have been made in the
6 research and development of plug-in hybrid electric
7 vehicles.

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

13 (6) At least one United States automobile man-
14 ufacturer is currently producing prototype plug-in
15 hybrid electric vans.

16 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHI-**
17 **CLES IN FEDERAL FLEET REQUIREMENT.**

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

21 “(4) In meeting the requirements of paragraph
22 (1)(D), the Secretary, with the cooperation of the heads
23 of other appropriate agencies, shall ensure that the Fed-
24 eral Government acquires not fewer than 50,000 plug-in
25 hybrid electric vehicles manufactured in the United States

1 by entities incorporated or organized under the laws of
2 the United States. The Federal government shall acquire
3 such vehicles during the 5-fiscal-year period beginning
4 after the date on which the Secretary determines that such
5 vehicles are commercially available.”.

6 (b) DEFINITION OF PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VE-
7 HICLE.—Section 301 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992
8 (42 U.S.C. 13211) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
10 (13);

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

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

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

17 “(A) a combustible fuel;

18 “(B) an on-board, rechargeable storage de-
19 vice; and

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

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