

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5297,
AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HALL OF NEW YORK**

Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 **TITLE IV—SMALL BUSINESS**
2 **DIRECT LENDING PROGRAM**

3 **SEC. 401. SMALL BUSINESS DIRECT LENDING PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the
5 Small Business Administration shall establish and carry
6 out a program under which the Administrator is author-
7 ized to make loans directly to eligible small business con-
8 cerns (in this section referred to as the “program”).

9 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—Except as otherwise provided
10 under this section and to the extent practicable, the Ad-
11 ministrator of the Small Business Administration shall
12 carry out the program—

13 (1) using the administrative resources of the
14 Small Business Administration; and

15 (2) in a manner similar to the loan program
16 under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15
17 U.S.C. 636(a)).

18 (c) USE OF LOAN FUNDS.—Amounts from a loan
19 made under the program may be used by a small business

1 concern for the operation or expansion of such concern
2 or for any other purpose allowed under section 7(a) of the
3 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)).

4 (d) LOAN AMOUNT.—The maximum amount of a
5 loan made under the program shall be \$1,500,000.

6 (e) LOAN TERM.—The maximum term for repayment
7 of a loan made under the program shall be 25 years.

8 (f) LOAN INTEREST RATE.—The interest rate with
9 respect to a loan made under the program shall be the
10 prime rate (as determined by the Administrator of the
11 Small Business Administration).

12 (g) ACCOUNTABILITY.—

13 (1) SBA REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days
14 after the date of enactment of this Act and every
15 month thereafter, the Administrator of the Small
16 Business Administration shall submit to the Com-
17 mittee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Small Business
19 and Entrepreneurship of the Senate a report de-
20 scribing—

21 (A) the number of loans made under the
22 program;

23 (B) the amounts of loans made under the
24 program;

1 (C) the uses of loans made under the pro-
2 gram;

3 (D) repayment progress with respect to
4 loans made under the program;

5 (E) the default rate with respect to loans
6 made under the program; and

7 (F) other relevant information with respect
8 to the program.

9 (2) GAO REPORTS.—

10 (A) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of
11 the United States shall conduct a review of the
12 program to evaluate the effectiveness of the
13 program and identify any waste or abuse relat-
14 ing to the program.

15 (B) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
16 after the date of enactment of this Act and
17 quarterly thereafter, the Comptroller General
18 shall submit to the Committee on Small Busi-
19 ness of the House of Representatives and the
20 Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-
21 neurship of the Senate a report describing the
22 results of the review conducted under subpara-
23 graph (A).

24 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
25 nitions apply:

1 (1) ELIGIBLE SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—

2 The term “eligible small business concern” means a
3 small business concern that the Administrator of the
4 Small Business Administration determines—

5 (A) is economically healthy;

6 (B) has good credit; and

7 (C) is unable to obtain a loan on reason-
8 able terms from a non-Federal source (which
9 may be demonstrated with respect to a small
10 business concern by evidence that a lender dis-
11 continued a line of credit of such concern not-
12 withstanding the good credit of such concern).

13 (2) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
14 “small business concern” has the meaning given
15 such term under section 3(a) of the Small Business
16 Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)).

17 (i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator of the
19 Small Business Administration \$10,000,000,000 to carry
20 out the program, including the hiring of necessary per-
21 sonnel.

22 (j) TERMINATION.—The program shall terminate on
23 the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of
24 this Act.

