

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3221
OFFERED BY MR. WELCH OF VERMONT

In part IV of subtitle A of title IX, add at the end
the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9077. ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENCY**
2 **GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-**
3 **CATION.**

4 Part G of title III of the Energy Policy and Conserva-
5 tion Act is amended by inserting after section 399 (42
6 U.S.C. 371h) the following:

7 **“SEC. 399A. ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENCY**
8 **GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-**
9 **CATION.**

10 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

11 **“(1) ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY.—**The term ‘en-
12 **ergy sustainability’** includes using a renewable en-
13 **ergy resource and a highly efficient technology for**
14 **electricity generation, transportation, heating, or**
15 **cooling.**

16 **“(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—**
17 **The term ‘institution of higher education’** has the
18 **meaning given the term in section 2 of the Energy**
19 **Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801).**

1 “(b) GRANTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVE-
2 MENT.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
4 not more than 100 grants per year to institutions of
5 higher education to carry out projects to improve en-
6 ergy efficiency on the grounds and facilities of the
7 institution of higher education, including not less
8 than 1 grant to an institution of higher education in
9 each State.

10 “(2) CONDITION.—As a condition of receiving a
11 grant under this subsection, an institution of higher
12 education shall agree to—

13 “(A) implement a public awareness cam-
14 paign concerning the project in the community
15 in which the institution of higher education is
16 located; and

17 “(B) submit to the Secretary, and make
18 available to the public, reports on any efficiency
19 improvements, energy cost savings, and environ-
20 mental benefits achieved as part of a project
21 carried out under paragraph (1).

22 “(c) GRANTS FOR INNOVATION IN ENERGY SUSTAIN-
23 ABILITY.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
25 not more than 250 grants per year to institutions of

1 higher education to engage in innovative energy sus-
2 tainability projects, including not less than 2 grants
3 to institutions of higher education in each State.

4 “(2) INNOVATION PROJECTS.—An innovation
5 project carried out with a grant under this sub-
6 section shall—

7 “(A) involve—

8 “(i) an innovative technology that is
9 not yet commercially available; or

10 “(ii) available technology in an inno-
11 vative application that maximizes energy
12 efficiency and sustainability;

13 “(B) have the greatest potential for testing
14 or demonstrating new technologies or processes;
15 and

16 “(C) ensure active student participation in
17 the project, including the planning, implementa-
18 tion, evaluation, and other phases of the
19 project.

20 “(3) CONDITION.—As a condition of receiving a
21 grant under this subsection, an institution of higher
22 education shall agree to submit to the Secretary,
23 and make available to the public, reports that de-
24 scribe the results of the projects carried out under
25 paragraph (1).

1 “(d) AWARDING OF GRANTS.—

2 “(1) APPLICATION.—An institution of higher
3 education that seeks to receive a grant under this
4 section may submit to the Secretary an application
5 for the grant at such time, in such form, and con-
6 taining such information as the Secretary may pre-
7 scribe.

8 “(2) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall estab-
9 lish a committee to assist in the selection of grant
10 recipients under this section.

11 “(e) ALLOCATION TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
12 EDUCATION WITH SMALL ENDOWMENTS.—Of the
13 amount of grants provided for a fiscal year under this sec-
14 tion, the Secretary shall provide not less than 50 percent
15 of the amount to institutions of higher education that have
16 an endowment of not more than \$100,000,000, with 50
17 percent of the allocation set aside for institutions of higher
18 education that have an endowment of not more than
19 \$50,000,000.

20 “(f) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The maximum amount of
21 grants for a project under this section shall not exceed—

22 “(1) in the case of grants for energy efficiency
23 improvement under subsection (b), \$1,000,000; or

24 “(2) in the case of grants for innovation in en-
25 ergy sustainability under subsection (c), \$500,000.

1 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
3 essary to carry out this section for each of fiscal years
4 2008 through 2012.”.

Amend the table of contents accordingly.