

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2687
OFFERED BY Ms. Edwards

At the end of the bill, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 714. CENTER REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMIS-**
2 **SION.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In light of the budget cuts re-
4 sulting from budget sequestration, the Administrator shall
5 establish an independent commission to be known as the
6 Center Realignment and Closure Commission. The Admin-
7 istrator shall task the Commission with determining the
8 extent of cost savings to be derived from the following op-
9 tions:

10 (1) Consolidating all rocket development and
11 test activities of the Marshall Space Flight Center
12 and the Stennis Space Center in one location. The
13 Commission shall recommend a location with the
14 greatest cost savings for the Government. The Com-
15 mission shall determine all costs and all expected
16 savings from this action. The Commission shall also
17 determine all job impacts in both the private and
18 public sectors as a result of this action.

1 (2) Relocating all operations of the Marshall
2 Space Flight Center to both the Stennis Space Cen-
3 ter and the Johnson Space Center. The Commission
4 shall determine the most cost effective structure for
5 distribution of activities of the Marshall Space
6 Flight Center to the other two Centers. The Com-
7 mission shall determine all costs and all expected
8 savings from this action. The Commission shall spe-
9 cifically determine the cost savings to the Govern-
10 ment to be obtained from closing the Marshall Space
11 Flight Center upon relocation of all operations. The
12 Commission shall also determine all job impacts in
13 both the private and public sectors as a result of this
14 action.

15 (b) REPORT.—The Commission shall prepare and
16 submit a report based on its findings to the Administrator
17 within six months after the date of enactment of this Act.
18 The Administrator shall provide the report, within 30 days
19 of receipt, to the Committee on Science, Space, and Tech-
20 nology of the House of Representatives and the Committee
21 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

