

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require a report on the Small Unit Support Vehicle.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—112th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 3254**

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI

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1 At the end of subtitle B of title I, add the following:

2 **SEC. 112. SMALL UNIT SUPPORT VEHICLE.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
4 ings:

5 (1) The Secretary of Defense has directed a  
6 strategic shift in focus for the Department of De-  
7 fense to the Asia-Pacific Theatre.

8 (2) The only Arctic regions of the United  
9 States are within the Asia-Pacific Theatre.

1           (3) The conditions presented by terrain in Arctic  
2           regions is the harshest on the earth, and the  
3           Armed Forces must be able to operate in the conditions  
4           caused by such terrain.

5           (4) Unique equipment is needed to be able to  
6           effectively survive and operate in such conditions.

7           (5) Among the unique equipment used by Army  
8           units to operate in such conditions is the Small Unit  
9           Support Vehicle (SUSV).

10          (6) The Small Unit Support Vehicle is no  
11          longer a program of record among the acquisition  
12          programs of the Army, and there are no current  
13          plans to acquire new models of the Small Unit Support  
14          Vehicle.

15          (7) The Canadian equivalent of the Small Unit  
16          Support Vehicle was successfully used in combat in  
17          Afghanistan in 2002 in harsh terrain.

18          (8) Military units currently using the Small  
19          Unit Support Vehicle must use a method of “cannibalization”  
20          that pulls parts from other vehicles in  
21          order to repair inoperable ones.

22          (9) If a solution to the problem of inadequate  
23          supplies of replacement parts for the Small Unit  
24          Support Vehicle is not found, there will be a gap in  
25          national security of the United States.

1           (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army  
3 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
4 port setting forth the following:

5           (1) An assessment of the current and antici-  
6 pated requirements of the Army for a vehicle that  
7 can operate in rugged terrain and in extreme cli-  
8 mates such as those in the Arctic.

9           (2) An assessment of the current supply chain  
10 for the Small Unit Support Vehicle.

11           (3) An assessment of the needs of the Army for  
12 a new vehicle that meets the requirements of both  
13 the regular and the reserve components of the Army  
14 for operations in rugged terrain and extreme condi-  
15 tions such as those in the Arctic.