

**AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
H.R. 22
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Page 574, insert after line 6 the following new section:

1 **SEC. 34216. RULEMAKING ON REAR SEAT CRASH-**
2 **WORTHINESS.**

3 (a) SAFETY RESEARCH INITIATIVE.—Not later than
4 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary shall complete research into the development of
6 safety standards or performance requirements for the
7 crashworthiness and survivability for passengers in the
8 rear seats of motor vehicles.

9 (b) SPECIFICATIONS.—In carrying out subsection (a),
10 the Secretary shall consider side- and rear-impact collision
11 testing, additional airbags, head restraints, seatbelt fit,
12 seatbelt airbags, belt anchor location, and any other fac-
13 tors the Secretary considers appropriate.

14 (c) RULEMAKING OR REPORT.—

15 (1) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after
16 the completion of each research and testing initiative
17 required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
18 initiate a rulemaking proceeding to issue a Federal

1 motor vehicle safety standard if the Secretary deter-
2 mines that such a standard meets the requirements
3 and considerations set forth in subsections (a) and
4 (b) of section 30111 of title 49, United States Code.

5 (2) REPORT.—If the Secretary determines that
6 the standard described in paragraph (1) does not
7 meet the requirements and considerations set forth
8 in subsections (a) and (b) of section 30111 of title
9 49, United States Code, the Secretary shall submit
10 a report describing the reasons for not prescribing
11 such a standard to the Committee on Energy and
12 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the
13 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
14 tation of the Senate.

