

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

Insert after subtitle D of title XXXIV the following
new subtitle:

1 **Subtitle E—Additional Motor**
2 **Vehicle Provisions**

3 **SEC. 34501. RULEMAKING ON REAR SEAT CRASH-**
4 **WORTHINESS.**

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

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

16 (c) RULEMAKING OR REPORT.—

17 (1) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after
18 the completion of each research and testing initiative

1 required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall
2 initiate a rulemaking proceeding to issue a Federal
3 motor vehicle safety standard if the Secretary deter-
4 mines that such a standard meets the requirements
5 and considerations set forth in subsections (a) and
6 (b) of section 30111 of title 49, United States Code.

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

