AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. CARTER OF GEORGIA

Page 267, after line 10, insert the following:

SEC. 543. COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS OF EQUIPMENT RENTAL.

(a) COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS OF EQUIPMENT RENTAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to any cost-effectiveness analysis for equipment acquisition conducted on or after the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each executive agency shall consider equipment rental in such cost-effectiveness analysis.

(2) FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION.—The Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be revised to implement the requirement under paragraph (1).

(b) STUDY OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a comprehensive report on the decisions
made by the executive agencies with the highest levels of
acquisition spending, and a sample of executive agencies
with lower levels of acquisition spending, to acquire high-
value equipment by lease, rental, or purchase pursuant to
subpart 7.4 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) EQUIPMENT RENTAL.—The term “equipment
rental” means the acquisition of equipment by
contract from a commercial source for a temporary
period of use with no fixed duration.

(2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
agency” has the meaning given that term in section
102 of title 40, United States Code.