

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide assistance for rural communities with
high energy costs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—109th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To enhance the energy security of the United States, and
for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI
to Title II—Renewable Energy (FLO05767.LC)

Viz:

1 On page 8, between lines 18 and 19, insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 204. ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH**
4 **HIGH ENERGY COSTS.**

5 Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and
6 notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary
7 and the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service shall
8 use the authorities provided under the Rural Electrifica-
9 tion Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) and section

1 331(b)(4) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Develop-
2 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 1981(b)(4)) (including deferral, exten-
3 sion, refinancing, restructuring, and reduction of loans
4 made under those Acts) to aid electric borrowers that
5 serve rural communities in Alaska with extremely high en-
6 ergy costs to—

- 7 (1) reduce rates for customers;
- 8 (2) maintain reliable service;
- 9 (3) preserve the economic feasibility of the elec-
10 tric systems; and
- 11 (4) avoid default.