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AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Purpose: To require the Secretary to establish a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application to maximize the productive capacity of marginal wells and reservoirs.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by

Mr. Cornyn

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- 1 On page 517, after line 22, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. 9. ____ LOW-VOLUME GAS RESERVOIR RESEARCH PRO-**
- 3 **GRAM.**
- 4 (a) **DEFINITIONS OF GIS.**—In this section, the term
- 5 “GIS” means geographic information systems technology
- 6 that facilitates the organization and management of data
- 7 with a geographic component.

1 (b) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a pro-
2 gram of research, development, demonstration, and com-
3 mercial application to maximize the productive capacity of
4 marginal wells and reservoirs.

5 (c) DATA COLLECTION.—Under the program, the
6 Secretary shall collect data on—

7 (1) the status and location of marginal wells
8 and gas reservoirs;

9 (2) the production capacity of marginal wells
10 and gas reservoirs;

11 (3) the location of low-pressure gathering facili-
12 ties and pipelines; and

13 (4) the quantity of natural gas vented or flared
14 in association with crude oil production.

15 (d) ANALYSIS.—Under the program, the Secretary
16 shall—

17 (1) estimate the remaining producible reserves
18 based on variable pipeline pressures; and

19 (2) recommend measures that will enable the
20 continued production of those resources.

21 (e) STUDY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award a
23 grant to an organization of States that contain sig-
24 nificant numbers of marginal oil and natural gas

1 wells to conduct an annual study of low-volume nat-
2 ural gas reservoirs.

3 (2) ORGANIZATION WITH NO GIS CAPABILI-
4 TIES.—If an organization receiving a grant under
5 paragraph (1) does not have GIS capabilities, the or-
6 ganization shall contract with an institution of high-
7 er education with GIS capabilities.

8 (3) STATE GEOLOGISTS.—The organization re-
9 ceiving a grant under paragraph (1) shall collaborate
10 with the State geologist of each State being studied.

11 (f) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—The Secretary may use
12 the data collected and analyzed under this section to
13 produce maps and literature to disseminate to States to
14 promote conservation of natural gas reserves.

15 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
16 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
17 out this section—

18 (1) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2006; and

19 (2) \$450,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 and
20 2008.