



H.R. 3775 – The Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act of 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3775 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Nick Lampson (D-TX) on October 9, 2007. The House Committee on Science and Technology approved the bill, as amended, on October 16, 2007.

H.R. 3775 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 22, 2007.

BACKGROUND

This program focuses on improving energy efficiency and environmental performance of U.S. industrial sector. Under the program, the Energy Department partners with U.S. industry and educational institutions to research and develop technologies and processes that promote energy efficiency. The program was appropriated approximately \$73 million in FY2005 and nearly \$57 million in FY2006.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3775 authorizes \$150 million for each fiscal year 2009 through 2013 for the Industrial Technologies Program, including university-based industrial research and assessment centers. The Department of Energy administers the program, in cooperation with energy-intensive industries, industry trade associations, and institutions of higher education. Assistance would be awarded on a competitive basis.

The bill requires the Energy Department to submit a report to Congress every two years with a description of the activities used to facilitate cooperation among program participants as well as a description of ongoing projects and anticipated energy savings achievements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[U.S. Department of Energy: Industrial Technologies Program](#)

[OMB Program Assessment: Industrial Technologies Program](#)

Statement of Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX), Ranking Republican on Science and Technology Committee:

“The Industrial Energy Efficiency Research and Development Act will reinforce the good work the Department of Energy is currently doing in the Industrial Technologies Program to help American companies lower their use of energy in the production of their products and in the running of their plants and businesses.” (10/16/2007)

COST

“Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3775 would cost \$68 million in 2009 and \$489 million over the 2009-2012 period.” ([CBO Estimate for H.R. 3775](#), 10/19/2007)

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