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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for the use of United States inland ports for storage and transfer of cargo containers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3580

To amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE to the amendment (No. _____) proposed by Ms. CANTWELL

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. __. USE OF UNITED STATES INLAND PORTS FOR**
3 **STORAGE AND TRANSFER OF CARGO CON-**
4 **TAINERS.**

5 (a) MEETING.—Not later than 90 days after the date
6 of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for
7 Transportation Policy, in consultation with the Adminis-
8 trator of the Maritime Administration and the Chair-
9 person of the Federal Maritime Commission, shall convene
10 a meeting of representatives of entities described in sub-
11 section (b) to discuss the feasibility of, and strategies for,

1 identifying Federal and non-Federal land, including inland
2 ports, for the purposes of storage and transfer of cargo
3 containers due to port congestion.

4 (b) DESCRIPTION OF ENTITIES.—The entities re-
5 ferred to in subsection (a) are—

6 (1) representatives of United States major gate-
7 way ports, inland ports, and export terminals;

8 (2) ocean carriers;

9 (3) railroads;

10 (4) trucking companies;

11 (5) port workforce, including organized labor;
12 and

13 (6) such other stakeholders as the Secretary de-
14 termines to be appropriate.

15 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—As soon as practicable
16 after the date of the meeting convened under subsection
17 (a), the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with
18 the Administrator of the Maritime Administration and the
19 Chairperson of the Federal Maritime Commission, shall
20 submit to Congress a report describing—

21 (1) the results of the meeting;

22 (2) the feasibility of identifying land or prop-
23 erty under the jurisdiction of United States, or ports
24 in the United States, for storage and transfer of
25 cargo containers; and

1 (3) recommendations relating to the meeting, if
2 any.

3 (d) SAVINGS PROVISION.—No authorization con-
4 tained in this section may be acted on in a manner that
5 jeopardizes or negatively impacts the national security or
6 defense readiness of the United States.