

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4024

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. PETERS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Better Enabling Se-
5 cure and Trustworthy Technology for the Homeland Act”
6 or the “BEST Technology for the Homeland Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACQUISITION PRO-**
8 **GRAM EXTENSION.**

9 Section 831 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002
10 (6 U.S.C. 391) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
2 by striking “September 30, 2024” and inserting
3 “September 30, 2027”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3) OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY INVOLV-
6 ING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Not later than 72
7 hours after the use or extension of the transaction
8 authority authorized under paragraph (1) involving
9 artificial intelligence technology, the Secretary shall
10 notify the Committee on Appropriations and the
11 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
12 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Appro-
13 priations and the Committee on Homeland Security
14 of the House of Representatives and offer a briefing
15 explaining the reason for the use or extension.”; and

16 (2) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding
17 subparagraph (A), by striking “September 30,
18 2024” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.