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# S. 1697

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for residential biomass fuel property expenditures.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26, 2007

Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. THUNE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Renewable Energy Tax  
5 Parity Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. CREDIT FOR BIOMASS FUEL PROPERTY EXPENDI-**  
7 **TURES.**

8 (a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—Subsection (a) of sec-  
9 tion 25D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating  
10 to allowance of credit), is amended—

1           (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
2           (2),

3           (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
4           graph (3) and inserting “, and”, and

5           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
6           paragraph:

7           “(4) 30 percent of the qualified biomass fuel  
8           property expenditures made by the taxpayer during  
9           such year.”.

10          (b) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—Paragraph (1) of section  
11 25D(b) of such Code (relating to maximum credit) is  
12 amended—

13           (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
14           graph (B),

15           (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
16           paragraph (C) and inserting “, and”, and

17           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18           paragraph:

19           “(D) \$2,000 with respect to any qualified  
20           biomass fuel property expenditures.”.

21          (c) MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES.—Subparagraph (A)  
22 of section 25D(e)(4) of such Code (relating to maximum  
23 expenditures in case of joint occupancy) is amended—

24           (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (ii),

1           (2) by striking the period at the end of clause  
2           (iii) and inserting “, and”, and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
4           clause:

5                           “(iv) \$6,667 in the case of any quali-  
6                           fied biomass fuel property expenditures.”.

7           (d) QUALIFIED BIOMASS FUEL PROPERTY EXPENDI-  
8           TURES.—Subsection (d) of section 25D of such Code (re-  
9           lating to definitions) is amended by adding at the end the  
10          following new paragraph:

11                       “(4) QUALIFIED BIOMASS FUEL PROPERTY EX-  
12          PENDITURE.—

13                       “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified  
14          biomass fuel property expenditure’ means an  
15          expenditure for property—

16                       “(i) which uses the burning of bio-  
17          mass fuel to heat a dwelling unit located in  
18          the United States and used as a residence  
19          by the taxpayer, or to heat water for use  
20          in such a dwelling unit, and

21                       “(ii) which has a thermal efficiency  
22          rating of at least 75 percent.

23                       “(B) BIOMASS FUEL.—For purposes of  
24          this section, the term ‘biomass fuel’ means any  
25          plant-derived fuel available on a renewable or

1           recurring basis, including agricultural crops and  
2           trees, wood and wood waste and residues (in-  
3           cluding wood pellets), plants (including aquatic  
4           plants), grasses, residues, and fibers.”.

5           (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6 this section shall apply to expenditures paid or incurred  
7 in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.

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