Purpose: To require the Administrator to promulgate certain regulations in response to a certain circumstance.


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To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SANDERS

Viz:

1. At the end of section 7001 (relating to National Academy of Sciences reviews), add the following:

2. (c) ACTION BY ADMINISTRATOR.—

3. (1) DEFINITION OF NEGATIVE REPORT.—In this subsection, the term “negative report” means a report of the National Academy of Sciences under subsection (a) that includes a determination by the Academy that—
(A) the emission reductions achieved under this Act, taken together with actual steps taken by other countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, are not predicted to stabilize atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations at a level adequate to forestall dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system; or

(B) an increase of global average temperature in excess of 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius) above the preindustrial average has occurred or is more likely than not to occur in the foreseeable future as a result of anthropogenic climate change.

(2) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of receipt of a negative report, the Administrator shall determine the additional measures required to be carried out, during the period ending on January 1, 2050, to reduce the total greenhouse gas emissions of the United States—

(A) to achieve, together with other countries, a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions sufficient to stabilize atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations at a level adequate to forestall dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system; and
(B) to avoid an increase of global average
temperature in excess of 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit
(2 degrees Celsius) above the preindustrial av-
erage in the foreseeable future as a result of
anthropogenic climate change.

(3) REGULATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable,
and in no case later than 2 years, after making
a determination described in paragraph (2), the
Administrator shall promulgate regulations to
achieve a reduction of total greenhouse gas
emissions of the United States described in
paragraph (2).

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations
promulgated pursuant to subparagraph (A)
shall include—

(i) a combination of expanded applica-
    bility of emissions limitations and supple-
    mental requirements, if the Administrator
determines that such a combination is suf-
    ficient to achieve a reduction of total
greenhouse gas emissions of the United
    States described in paragraph (2); or

(ii) the imposition of additional limita-
tions on entities subject to the require-
ments of this Act, to take effect not earlier
than 5 years after the date on which the
determination is made under paragraph
(2), if the Administrator determines that a
combination described in clause (i) is not
sufficient to achieve a reduction of total
greenhouse gas emissions of the United
States described in paragraph (2).