

_____ AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
GORDON OF TENNESSEE, OR HIS

DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES.

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3598, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GORDON OF TENNESSEE**

Redesignate section 8 as section 9.

After section 7, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8. MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTERS.**

2 (a) **MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY CENTER COST**
3 **SHARING.**—Section 25(c)(5) of the National Institute of
4 Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(c)(5)) is
5 amended by inserting “, except that for each of fiscal
6 years 2005 through 2008 such funding may be as much
7 as a one half of such costs” after “Center under the pro-
8 gram”.

9 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Com-
11 merce, or other appropriate Federal agencies, for the Man-
12 ufacturing Extension Partnership program under sections
13 25 and 26 of the National Institute of Standards and
14 Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k and 278l)—

15 (1) \$120,600,000 for fiscal year 2005, of which
16 not more than \$4,000,000 shall be for the competi-
17 tive grant program under section 25(e) of such Act
18 (15 U.S.C. 278k(e));



1 (2) \$132,400,000 for fiscal year 2006, of which
2 not more than \$4,100,000 shall be for the competi-
3 tive grant program under section 25(e) of such Act
4 (15 U.S.C. 278k(e));

5 (3) \$145,300,000 for fiscal year 2007, of which
6 not more than \$4,200,000 shall be for the competi-
7 tive grant program under section 25(e) of such Act
8 (15 U.S.C. 278k(e)); and

9 (4) \$159,500,000 for fiscal year 2008, of which
10 not more than \$4,300,000 shall be for the competi-
11 tive grant program under section 25(e) of such Act
12 (15 U.S.C. 278k(e)).

13 In any fiscal year for which appropriations are
14 \$106,000,000 or greater, none of the funds appropriated
15 pursuant to this subsection shall be used for a general re-
16 competition of Centers established under section 25 of the
17 National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15
18 U.S.C. 278k).

