

**AMENDMENT TO INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. FLAKE OF ARIZONA**

At the appropriate place in the Committee Report, insert the following:

“State Role in Clean Air Act Implementation.—It has come to the Committee’s attention that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been moving forward with implementation of the Clean Air Act in a manner that appears in contravention of the Act’s goal of State primacy in critical air quality decision-making. EPA has a statutory requirement to act on submitted State implementation plans (SIPs). However, EPA’s delays in the State implementation plan approval process have invited lawsuits by nongovernmental organizations and resulted in negotiated agreements that yield Federal intervention rather than State-driven regulatory outcomes. The Committee directs EPA to implement the Clean Air Act in a manner that maximizes Congress’ intent for the States to play the lead role in relevant air quality regulatory decisions. In addition, EPA is directed to provide this Committee, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a report that lists, by

region, all State implementation plan submittals that are currently before EPA, including descriptions of each such submittal and an indication for each such submittal as to whether such submittal has been before the Agency for longer than the statutory time period for required action.”.

