

**74. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE AKIN  
OF MISSOURI OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. AKIN OF MISSOURI**

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 845. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON LONG-TERM CONTRACTING FOR ALTERNATIVE FUELS.**

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3 It is the sense of Congress that long-term contracting  
4 for alternative fuels is in the best interests of the Department of Defense and is a wise use of taxpayer resources.  
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6 Long-term contracts provide stability for industry, which  
7 allows them to drive the cost down. Long-term contracts  
8 also provide some insulation to the Department of Defense  
9 from fuel price increases. The Department of Defense has  
10 asked for the authority to enter into long-term contracts  
11 for alternative fuels, and it is the sense of Congress that  
12 this is a valuable proposal and should be supported.

