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# H. R. 6533

To establish minimum levels of assistance for certain States under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHAUD (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. NEAL, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. TONKO, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. OLVER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. STATE ALLOTMENTS.**

4 Section 2604 of the Low-Income Home Energy As-  
5 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding  
2           paragraph (1), by inserting “or subsection (f)” after  
3           “subsection (a)”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5           section:

6           “(f)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), of the  
7           amount appropriated pursuant to section 2602(b) for a  
8           fiscal year containing a qualifying winter season, the Sec-  
9           retary shall allot to each qualifying State an amount that  
10          is not less than the amount allotted to such State for fiscal  
11          year 2010, and ratably reduce the amounts allotted under  
12          this section to States that are not qualifying States if nec-  
13          essary to ensure the allotments to qualifying States.

14          “(2) For the purposes of this subsection—

15                 “(A) the term ‘qualifying State’ means a State  
16                 in which not less than 25 percent of households use  
17                 heating oil as the primary heating fuel, as deter-  
18                 mined by the Secretary; and

19                 “(B) the term ‘qualifying winter season’ means  
20                 a winter season occurring after the date of enact-  
21                 ment of this subsection for which the Secretary de-  
22                 termines that the projected average price of heating  
23                 oil is greater than the average price of heating oil  
24                 for the winter of 2011–2012.

1       “(3) This subsection shall not be effective for a fiscal  
2 year if the sums appropriated pursuant to section 2602(b)  
3 for such fiscal year are not sufficient to pay in full the  
4 total amount required to be allocated to all qualifying  
5 States under paragraph (1).”.

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