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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Senate unanimously approved legislation late Thursday sponsored by Rep. Anna G. Eshoo, D-California, requiring research into reducing energy costs and electricity consumption by computer servers and data centers.

Senate approval was the final congressional hurdle for the bill, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives on July 12, 2006, by a vote of 417 to 4.

"The energy demands of computer servers and data centers are expected to grow by about 50 percent over the next five years," Rep. Eshoo said. "We all rely on this technology, so it's critical that we find ways of conserving energy and reducing energy costs. The study called for in this bill will help government, industry and consumers identify the most efficient technology to meet their needs."

The bill, cosponsored by Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Michigan, directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify the potential energy and cost savings to the federal government and private business with the purchase of energy efficient servers. The study is to be completed within 180 days of the bill becoming law.

The bill also includes a sense of Congress that it is in the best interest of the United States for purchasers of computer servers to give high priority to energy efficiency.

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