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Purpose: To clarify the definition of switchblade knives.

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AMEN GPO: 2008 45-803 (smc) (for
himself, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. HATCH, and Mr. Vitter,
Mr. Risch, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Corker, Mr. Enzi,
Mr. Barrasso, Mr. Graham, Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Wyden, Mr. Crapo
ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

Viz:

1 On page 77, between lines 16 and 17, add the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 556. DEFINITION OF SWITCHBLADE KNIVES.**

4 Section 4 of the Act entitled “An Act to prohibit the
5 introduction, or manufacture for introduction, into inter-
6 state commerce of switchblade knives, and for other pur-
7 poses” (commonly known as the Federal Switchblade Act)
8 (15 U.S.C. 1244) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph

10 (3);

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
2 graph (4) and inserting “; or” and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(5) a knife that contains a spring, detent, or
5 other mechanism designed to create a bias toward
6 closure of the blade and that requires exertion ap-
7 plied to the blade by hand, wrist, or arm to over-
8 come the bias toward closure to assist in opening the
9 knife.”.