

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 1947**

OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI

[2013 Farm Bill]

Page 601, after line 18, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12204. FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**
2 **FOR BEGINNING FARMERS OR RANCHERS**
3 **AND SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS**
4 **OR RANCHERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 226B(c) of the Depart-
6 ment of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C.
7 6934(c)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
9 (7) as subparagraphs (A) through (G), respectively,
10 and moving the margins of such subparagraphs two
11 ems to the right;

12 (2) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
13 (as so redesignated), by striking “The duties of the
14 Office shall be to” and inserting the following:

15 “(1) FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—The Office
16 shall”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

1 “(2) FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall,
3 through the agencies and offices of the Depart-
4 ment, carry out competitive agricultural fellow-
5 ship or scholarship programs at any of the fol-
6 lowing institutions:

7 “(i) 1890 institutions (as defined in
8 section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Ex-
9 tension, and Education Reform Act of
10 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)).

11 “(ii) 1994 institutions (as defined in
12 such section 2).

13 “(iii) Hispanic-serving institutions (as
14 defined in section 1404 of the National
15 Agricultural Research, Extension, and
16 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
17 3103)).

18 “(B) POST-FELLOWSHIP AND POST-SCHOL-
19 ARSHIP APPOINTMENTS.—The Secretary may,
20 without regard to the provisions of title 5,
21 United States Code, governing appointments in
22 the competitive service, make a noncompetitive
23 appointment of an individual that participated
24 in a competitive agricultural fellowship or schol-
25 arship program to a position that may lead to

1 term, career, or career-conditional employment
2 within the Department if such an individual—

3 “(i) earns a degree referred to in
4 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) section
5 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
6 (7 U.S.C. 1001) from an institution of
7 higher education (as defined in such sec-
8 tion); and

9 “(ii) successfully completes the re-
10 quirements of the competitive agricultural
11 fellowship or scholarship program in which
12 the individual participated.”.

13 (b) DEFINITION OF COMPETITIVE AGRICULTURAL
14 FELLOWSHIP OR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.—Section
15 226B(a) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization
16 Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6934(a)) is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
18 paragraph (3) and (4), respectively; and

19 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
20 lowing new paragraph:

21 “(2) COMPETITIVE AGRICULTURAL FELLOW-
22 SHIP OR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.—The term ‘com-
23 petitive agricultural fellowship or scholarship pro-
24 gram’ means a program that—

1 “(A) awards fellowships or scholarships for
2 the purpose of promoting the study of food and
3 agricultural sciences (as defined in section 1404
4 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension,
5 and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7
6 U.S.C. 3103)); and

7 “(B) is authorized under, or pursuant to,
8 as appropriate—

9 “(i) section 922 of the Federal Im-
10 provement and Reform Act (7 U.S.C.
11 2279c);

12 “(ii) section 1417(b)(4) of the Na-
13 tional Agricultural Research, Extension,
14 and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
15 3152(b)(4));

16 “(iii) the Federal Property and Ad-
17 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40
18 U.S.C. 751 et seq.);

19 “(iv) the Equity in Educational Land-
20 Grant Status of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note);

21 “(v) section 2501 of the Food, Agri-
22 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of
23 1990 (7 U.S.C. 2279); and

1 “(vi) the Farm Security and Rural In-
2 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7901 et
3 seq.);

4 “(vii) Executive Order 12900 ‘Edu-
5 cational Excellence for Hispanic Ameri-
6 cans’ (February 24, 1994; 59 Fed. Reg.
7 9061);

8 “(viii) Executive Order 12876 ‘His-
9 torically Black Colleges and Universities’
10 (November 1, 1993; 58 Fed. Reg. 58735);

11 “(ix) Executive Order 13270 ‘Tribal
12 Colleges and Universities’ (July 3, 2002;
13 67 Fed. Reg. 45288);

14 “(x) Executive Order 13532 ‘Pro-
15 moting Excellence, Innovation, and Sus-
16 tainability at Historically Black Colleges
17 and Universities’ (February 26, 2010; 75
18 Fed. Reg. 9749);

19 “(xi) Executive Order 13562 ‘Recruit-
20 ing and Hiring Students and Recent Grad-
21 uates ’ (December 27, 2010; 75 Fed. Reg.
22 82585); or

23 “(xii) any memorandum of under-
24 standing entered into between the Sec-
25 retary of Agriculture and the Council of

1 Land-Grant Presidents or the American
2 Indian Higher Education Consortium.”.

