

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. LUCAS OF OKLAHOMA**

Page 823, after line 20, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . IMPLEMENTATION OF LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN**
2 **RANGE-WIDE CONSERVATION PLAN AND**
3 **OTHER CONSERVATION MEASURES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) CANDIDATE CONSERVATION AGREE-
6 MENTS.—The terms “Candidate Conservation
7 Agreement” and “Candidate and Conservation
8 Agreement With Assurances” have the meaning
9 given those terms in—

10 (A) the announcement of the Department
11 of the Interior and the Department of Com-
12 merce entitled “Announcement of Final Policy
13 for Candidate Conservation Agreements with
14 Assurances” (64 Fed. Reg. 32726 (June 17,
15 1999)); and

16 (B) sections 17.22(d) and 17.32(d) of title
17 50, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on
18 the date of enactment of this Act).

1 (2) RANGE-WIDE PLAN.—The term “Range-
2 Wide Plan” means the Lesser Prairie-Chicken
3 Range-Wide Conservation Plan of the Western Asso-
4 ciation of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, as endorsed by
5 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on Octo-
6 ber 23, 2013, and published for comment on Janu-
7 ary 29, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 4652).

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (b) PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT AS THREATENED
11 OR ENDANGERED SPECIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any prior
13 action by the Secretary, the lesser prairie chicken
14 shall not be treated as a threatened species or en-
15 dangered species under the Endangered Species Act
16 of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) before January 31,
17 2021.

18 (2) PROHIBITION ON PROPOSAL.—Beginning on
19 January 31, 2021, the lesser prairie chicken may
20 not be treated as a threatened species or endangered
21 species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973
22 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) unless the Secretary pub-
23 lishes a determination, based on the totality of the
24 scientific evidence, that conservation (as that term is
25 used in that Act) under the Range-Wide Plan and

1 the agreements, programs, and efforts referred to in
2 subsection (c) have not achieved the conservation
3 goals established by the Range-Wide Plan.

4 (c) MONITORING OF PROGRESS OF CONSERVATION
5 PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall monitor and annually
6 submit to Congress a report on progress in conservation
7 of the lesser prairie chicken under the Range-Wide Plan
8 and all related—

9 (1) Candidate Conservation Agreements and
10 Candidate and Conservation Agreements With As-
11 surances;

12 (2) other Federal conservation programs admin-
13 istered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
14 ice, the Bureau of Land Management, and the De-
15 partment of Agriculture;

16 (3) State conservation programs; and

17 (4) private conservation efforts.

18 **SEC. ____ . REMOVAL OF ENDANGERED SPECIES STATUS**

19 **FOR AMERICAN BURYING BEETLE.**

20 Notwithstanding the final rule of the United States
21 Fish and Wildlife Service entitled “Endangered and
22 Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endan-
23 gered Status for the American Burying Beetle” (54 Fed.
24 Reg. 29652 (July 13, 1989)), the American burying beetle
25 shall not be listed as a threatened or endangered species

1 under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et
2 seq.).

