

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–22**  
**OFFERED BY MS. ANSARI OF ARIZONA**

At the end of part I of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 8408. PUBLIC MEETING REQUIREMENTS WITH RE-**  
2 **SPECT TO REPEAL OR MODIFICATION OF THE**  
3 **ROADLESS AREA CONSERVATION RULE.**

4 (a) **PUBLIC MEETING REQUIREMENT.**—The Sec-  
5 retary may not take a covered agency action unless the  
6 Secretary, before finalizing the rule making with respect  
7 to the covered agency action, conducts public meetings and  
8 hearings with respect to such action in a number not less  
9 than the number of public meetings and hearings, respec-  
10 tively, conducted during the development of the final rule  
11 of the Department of Agriculture titled “Special Areas;  
12 Roadless Area Conservation” and issued on January 12,  
13 2001 (66 Fed. Reg. 3244).

14 (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
15 tion shall be construed to exempt, reduce, or limit the re-  
16 quirements of section 553 of title 5, United States Code,  
17 with respect to the Secretary taking a covered agency ac-  
18 tion.

1 (c) COVERED AGENCY ACTION DEFINED.—In this  
2 section, the term “covered agency action” means—

3 (1) to repeal or modify, including by amending,  
4 the final rule of the Department of Agriculture titled  
5 “Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation” and  
6 issued on January 12, 2001 (66 Fed. Reg. 3244);  
7 and

8 (2) to issue a successor to, or replacement of,  
9 such final rule, including by redrafting such final  
10 rule.

