

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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Page 35, strike lines 19 through 24 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2201. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 1240A of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
3 U.S.C. 3839aa-1) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (6)(B)—

5 (A) in clause (v), by striking “; and” and  
6 inserting “(including the adoption of precision  
7 agriculture practices and the acquisition of pre-  
8 cision agriculture technology);”;

9 (B) by redesignating clause (vi) as clause  
10 (vii); and

11 (C) by inserting after clause (v) the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 “(vi) greenhouse gas emissions reduc-  
14 tion planning; and”;

15 (2) in paragraph (7), in the matter preceding  
16 subparagraph (A), by striking “natural resource  
17 concern or problem” and inserting “resource con-  
18 cern”;

1           (3) by redesignating paragraphs (9) and (10)  
2           as paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively; and

3           (4) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(9) RESOURCE CONCERN.—The term ‘resource  
6           concern’ means a natural resource condition of the  
7           soil, water, air, plant, animal, or energy resource  
8           base that impairs the sustainability or intended uses  
9           of the resource.”.

Page 43, after line 4, insert the following:

10           (1) in subclause (II), by inserting “on-farm nu-  
11           trient recycling,” after “plans,”;

Page 43, line 11, strike “and”.”.

Page 43, after line 11, insert the following:

12                           “(IX) perennial production sys-  
13                           tems, including agroforestry and pe-  
14                           rennial forages and grain crops; and”.

Page 44, after line 8, insert the following:

15 **SEC. 2301. DEFINITIONS.**

16           Section 1240I of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
17 U.S.C. 3839aa–21) is amended—

18           (1) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “en-  
2 hancements,” after “practices,”; and

3 (B) in subparagraph (B)(v), by inserting  
4 “and climate change” before the period at the  
5 end;

6 (2) in paragraph (3)(C), by inserting “main-  
7 tained, actively” after “implemented,”;

8 (3) in paragraph (5), in the matter preceding  
9 subparagraph (A), by striking “natural resource  
10 concern or problem” and inserting “resource con-  
11 cern”;

12 (4) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
13 graph (8); and

14 (5) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 “(7) RESOURCE CONCERN.—The term ‘resource  
17 concern’ means a natural resource condition of the  
18 soil, water, air, plant, animal, or energy resource  
19 base that impairs the sustainability or intended uses  
20 of the resource.”.

Page 44, after line 9, insert the following:

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—Section  
22 1240J(a) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.  
23 3839aa–22(a)) is amended by striking paragraphs (1) and  
24 (2) and inserting the following:

1           “(1) by maintaining, actively managing, and,  
2           where practicable, improving existing conservation  
3           activities; and

4           “(2) by undertaking additional conservation ac-  
5           tivities.”.

Page 44, line 9, insert “(b) EXCLUSIONS” before  
“Section”.

Page 45, after line 20, insert the following:

6 **SEC. 23 \_\_\_\_. STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS.**

7           (a) SUBMISSION OF CONTRACT OFFERS.—Section  
8 1240K(a)(2)(B) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
9 U.S.C. 3839aa–23(a)(2)(B)) is amended by striking “im-  
10 proving, maintaining, and managing” and inserting  
11 “maintaining, actively managing, and, where practicable,  
12 improving”.

13           (b) EVALUATION OF CONTRACT OFFERS.—Section  
14 1240K(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.  
15 3839aa–23(b)) is amended—

16           (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking clause (iii)  
17           and inserting the following:

18                           “(iii) other criteria consistent with an  
19                           equal weighting of the factors described in  
20                           clauses (i) and (ii), as determined by the

1 Secretary, including criteria the Secretary  
2 determines are necessary to ensure that—

3 “(I) the program effectively tar-  
4 gets improvements to soil health, in-  
5 creases in carbon sequestration, and  
6 reductions in greenhouse gas emis-  
7 sions; and

8 “(II) other national, State, and  
9 local priority resource concerns are ef-  
10 fectively addressed.”; and

11 (2) by striking paragraph (3).

12 (c) CONTRACT RENEWAL.—Section 1240K(e) of the  
13 Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–23(e)) is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 “(e) CONTRACT RENEWAL.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide  
17 the producer an opportunity to renew an existing  
18 contract in the first half of the fifth year of the con-  
19 tract period if the producer—

20 “(A) demonstrates compliance with the  
21 terms of the existing contract;

22 “(B) agrees to adopt and continue to inte-  
23 grate new or improved conservation activities  
24 across the entire agricultural operation, dem-  
25 onstrating continued improvement during the

1 additional 5-year period, as determined by the  
2 Secretary; and

3 “(C) agrees, by the end of the contract pe-  
4 riod, to meet the stewardship threshold of at  
5 least 2 additional priority resource concerns on  
6 the agricultural operation, if applicable.

7 “(2) RANKING AND PAYMENTS.—In deter-  
8 mining whether to accept an application for contract  
9 renewal under this subsection, and when calculating  
10 payments for those renewed contracts, the Secretary  
11 shall consider the full conservation benefits across  
12 the entire applicable agricultural operation, includ-  
13 ing—

14 “(A) the number of priority resource con-  
15 cerns with respect to which the producer is ex-  
16 pected to meet or exceed the stewardship  
17 threshold by the end of the contract period; and

18 “(B) the active management and mainte-  
19 nance of ongoing conservation activities, includ-  
20 ing—

21 “(i) the conservation activities adopt-  
22 ed during a prior contract period; and

23 “(ii) the new or improved conservation  
24 activities to be adopted if a contract is re-  
25 newed.”.

Page 46, strike lines 1 through 5 and insert the following:

1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “on  
3 1 or more types of eligible land covered by the  
4 contract” after “activities”; and

5 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “im-  
6 proving, maintaining, and managing” and in-  
7 serting “maintaining, actively managing, and  
8 improving”;

9 (2) in paragraph (2)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting be-  
11 fore the period “(including increased costs asso-  
12 ciated with planning and adopting precision ag-  
13 riculture conservation activities and acquiring  
14 precision agriculture technology)”;

15 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-  
16 serting the following:

17 “(B) Income forgone by the producer, in-  
18 cluding amounts that reflect—

19 “(i) increased economic risk; and

20 “(ii) loss in revenue due to—

21 “(I) production changes;

22 “(II) anticipated reductions in  
23 yield;

1                   “(III) transitioning to an or-  
2                   ganic, resource-conserving cropping or  
3                   grazing, or perennial production sys-  
4                   tem; or

5                   “(IV) acreage converted to con-  
6                   servation uses.”; and

7                   (C) in subparagraph (E), by inserting “,  
8                   actively managed, and, where applicable, im-  
9                   proved” after “maintained”; and

Beginning on page 46, strike line 10 and all that  
follows through page 47, line 4, and insert the following:

10           (b) SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS.—Section 1240L(d)  
11 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–  
12 24(d)) is amended—

13           (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “AND  
14           ADVANCED GRAZING MANAGEMENT” and inserting  
15           “ADVANCED GRAZING MANAGEMENT, PRECISION  
16           AGRICULTURE, AND PERENNIAL PRODUCTION SYS-  
17           TEMS”;

18           (2) in paragraph (1)—

19           (A) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as  
20           subparagraph (D); and

21           (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)  
22           the following:

1 “(C) PERENNIAL PRODUCTION SYSTEM.—

2 The term ‘perennial production system’  
3 means—

4 “(i) the use of cropland for agro-  
5 forestry, including alley cropping,  
6 silvopasture, and related production prac-  
7 tices, as determined by the Secretary;

8 “(ii) the use of woodland for agro-  
9 forestry, including forest farming, multi-  
10 story cropping, and related production  
11 practices, as determined by the Secretary;  
12 and

13 “(iii) the use of cropland for perennial  
14 forages or perennial grain crops.”;

15 (3) in paragraph (2)—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”  
17 at the end; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(C) precision agriculture conservation ac-  
20 tivities; or

21 “(D) a perennial production system.”; and

22 (4) in paragraph (3), by striking “or advanced  
23 grazing management” and inserting “, advanced  
24 grazing management, precision agriculture conserva-  
25 tion activities, or a perennial production system”.

Page 47, after line 8, insert the following:

1 (d) SOIL HEALTH.—Section 1240L(k) of the Food  
2 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–24(k)) is amend-  
3 ed by striking the period at the end and inserting the fol-  
4 lowing: “, including by—

5 “(1) conducting outreach to encourage the use  
6 of contracts to improve soil health and sequester  
7 carbon in the soil; and

8 “(2) offering payments for soil testing to pro-  
9 vide producers and the Secretary with information  
10 on the soil health and carbon sequestration impacts  
11 of conservation activities.”.

Page 71, after line 6, insert the following:

12 (1) in paragraph (2)—

13 (A) by inserting “an individual,” before “a  
14 commercial entity”;

15 (B) by striking “State or local” and insert-  
16 ing “State, local, or Tribal”; and

17 (C) by striking “nutrient management  
18 planning,” and inserting “soil health planning,  
19 greenhouse gas emissions reduction planning,  
20 nutrient management planning, integrated pest  
21 management planning, agroforestry planning,  
22 organic transition planning,”;

Page 72, line 9, insert “individuals,” after “including”.

Page 72, line 10, insert “, Tribal,” after “State”.

Page 89, after line 16, insert the following:

1       (g) ADDRESSING CONCERNS OF CERTAIN PRO-  
2 DUCERS.—Section 1242(i) of the Food Security Act of  
3 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3842(i)) is amended—

4           (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “PE-  
5 RENNIAL AGRICULTURE SYSTEM,” after “OR-  
6 GANIC,”; and

7           (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “a perennial  
8 agriculture system,” after “production,” each place  
9 it appears.

