

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF  
H.R. 5  
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 372, after line 15, insert the following new part:

1     **“PART C—BILITERACY EDUCATION SEAL AND**  
2                                   **TEACHING ACT**

3     **“SEC. 3301. STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY PROGRAM.**

4             “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Education  
5 shall award grants to States to establish or improve a Seal  
6 of Biliteracy program to recognize student proficiency in  
7 speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a sec-  
8 ond language.

9             “(b) GRANT APPLICATION.—In order to receive a  
10 grant under this section, a State shall submit an applica-  
11 tion to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and  
12 containing such information and assurances as the Sec-  
13 retary may require, including—

14                 “(1) a description of the criteria a student must  
15 meet to demonstrate proficiency in speaking, read-  
16 ing, and writing in both English and a second lan-  
17 guage;

1           “(2) assurances that a student who meets the  
2 requirements under paragraph (1)—

3           “(A) receives a permanent seal or other  
4 marker on the student’s secondary school di-  
5 ploma or its equivalent; and

6           “(B) receives documentation of proficiency  
7 in the student’s official academic transcript;  
8 and

9           “(3) assurances that a student is not charged  
10 a fee for submitting an application under subsection  
11 (c).

12       “(c) STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN A SEAL OF  
13 BILITERACY PROGRAM.—To participate in a Seal of  
14 Biliteracy program, a student must submit an application  
15 to the State that serves the student at such time, in such  
16 manner, and containing such information and assurances  
17 as the State may require, including assurances that the  
18 student—

19           “(1) will receive a secondary school diploma or  
20 its equivalent in the year the student submits an ap-  
21 plication; and

22           “(2) has met the criteria established by the  
23 State under subsection (b)(1).

24       “(d) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICATION.—A  
25 student who gained proficiency in a second language out-

1 side of school may apply to participate in a Seal of  
2 Biliteracy program under subsection (c).

3 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—Grant funds made available  
4 under this section shall be used for administrative costs  
5 of establishing or improving and carrying out a Seal of  
6 Biliteracy program and for public outreach and education  
7 about that program.

8 “(f) GRANT TERMS.—

9 “(1) DURATION.—A grant awarded under this  
10 section shall be for a period of 2 years, and may be  
11 renewed at the discretion of the Secretary.

12 “(2) RENEWAL.—At the end of a grant term,  
13 the recipient of such grant may reapply for a grant  
14 under this section.

15 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—A grant recipient under  
16 this section shall not have more than 1 grant under  
17 this section at anytime.

18 “(4) RETURN OF UNSPENT GRANT FUNDS.—  
19 Not later than 6 months after the date on which a  
20 grant term ends, a recipient of a grant under this  
21 section shall return any unspent grant funds to the  
22 Secretary.

23 “(g) REPORT.—Not later than 9 months after receiv-  
24 ing a grant under this section, a grant recipient shall issue

1 a report to the Secretary describing the implementation  
2 of the Seal of Biliteracy program.

3 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) SECOND LANGUAGE.—The term ‘second  
5 language’ means any language other than English,  
6 including Braille and American Sign Language.

7 “(2) SEAL OF BILITERACY PROGRAM.—The  
8 term ‘Seal of Biliteracy program’ means any pro-  
9 gram established under this section.

10 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
11 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary  
12 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019  
13 to carry out this section.”.

