

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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**OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike section 2201 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2201. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 1240A(6) of the Food Security Act of 1985  
3 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-1(6)) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting “, in-  
5 cluding composting practices” before the semicolon  
6 at the end; and

7 (2) in subparagraph (B)(v), by inserting “(in-  
8 cluding the adoption of precision agriculture prac-  
9 tices and the acquisition of precision agriculture  
10 technology)” after “planning”.

Page 44, after line 6, insert the following:

11 **SEC. 22\_\_ . CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES DEFINED.**

12 Section 1240I(2)(B)(i) of the Food Security Act of  
13 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-21(2)(B)(i)) is amended by in-  
14 serting “, composting practices” after “agriculture drain-  
15 age management systems”.

Page 71, after line 3, insert the following:

1 (e) CONSERVATION STANDARDS AND REQUIRE-  
2 MENTS.—Section 1241(j) of the Food Security Act of  
3 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(j)) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
5 graph (3); and

6 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
7 lowing new paragraph:

8 “(2) COMPOSTING AS CONSERVATION PRACTICE  
9 AND ACTIVITY.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall by  
11 regulation provide that composting is a con-  
12 servation practice and a conservation activity  
13 for the purposes of this title.

14 “(B) COMPOSTING DEFINED.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes  
16 of this paragraph, the term ‘composting’  
17 means—

18 “(I) an activity (including an ac-  
19 tivity that does not require the use of  
20 a composting facility) to produce com-  
21 post from organic waste that is—

22 “(aa) generated on a farm;

23 or

24 “(bb) brought to a farm  
25 from a nearby community and

1 used to produce compost on that  
2 farm; and

3 “(II) the use and active manage-  
4 ment of compost on a farm, in accord-  
5 ance with any applicable Federal,  
6 State, or local law, to improve water  
7 retention and soil health.

8 “(ii) DETERMINATION OF NEARBY  
9 COMMUNITIES.—The Secretary, in con-  
10 sultation with the Administrator of the En-  
11 vironmental Protection Agency, shall issue  
12 regulations for determining whether a com-  
13 munity is nearby for purposes of clause  
14 (i)(I), which shall ensure that bringing or-  
15 ganic waste from the community to the  
16 farm to produce compost results in a net  
17 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.”.

Page 89, line 16, strike the closing quotation mark  
and the final period at the end.

Page 89, after line 16, insert the following:

18 “(7) DEVELOPMENT OF COMPOSTING PRACTICE  
19 STANDARD.—In addition to conducting a review  
20 under this subsection of any composting facility  
21 practice standard established before the date of en-

1 actment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall estab-  
2 lish a composting practice standard under the proc-  
3 ess developed under paragraph (3).”.

