

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of subtitle D of title X, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_ . AUTHORITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
2 **FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL TO ASSIST**  
3 **OTHER FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGEN-**  
4 **CIES.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
6 sion of law, upon request from a qualified agency head,  
7 the Secretary of Defense may authorize firefighter per-  
8 sonnel of the Department of Defense to conduct oper-  
9 ations, or to assist the qualified agency head in conducting  
10 operations, in response to incidents of wildfire or fire in  
11 the wildland-urban interface.

12 (b) **REIMBURSEMENT.**—A qualified agency head who  
13 makes a request to the Secretary of Defense under sub-  
14 section (a) shall reimburse the Secretary for the costs of  
15 the services provided by the Secretary pursuant to the re-  
16 quest, at rates determined, and agreed to, by the Secretary  
17 and the qualified agency head (or, in case of a qualified  
18 agency head who is subject to the jurisdiction of the head

1 of a parent department or agency, the Secretary and such  
2 parent department or agency head).

3 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of De-  
4 fense shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees a report on any financial and logistical barriers  
6 to conducting the operations, or providing the assistance,  
7 described in subsection (a).

8 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
10 mittees” means—

11 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
12 Committee on Agriculture, the Committee on  
13 Natural Resources, and the Committee on  
14 Science, Space, and Technology of the House of  
15 Representatives; and

16 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
17 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and For-  
18 estry, the Committee on Energy and Natural  
19 Resources, and the Committee on Homeland  
20 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-  
21 ate.

22 (2) The term “qualified agency head” means  
23 any of the following:

24 (A) The Secretary of Agriculture.

25 (B) The Secretary of the Interior.

1 (C) The head of any other relevant Federal  
2 department or agency, as determined by the  
3 Secretary of Defense.

