

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115–36
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At the end of subtitle A of title IX, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 9 __ . STUDY ON USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHI-**
2 **CLES TO SUPPORT WILDLAND FIRE RE-**
3 **SPONSE AND MANAGEMENT.**

4 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Agriculture
5 shall conduct a study to evaluate—

6 (1) the feasibility, safety, and cost effectiveness
7 of using unmanned aerial vehicles for the purposes
8 of supporting wildland fire response and suppression
9 and forest restoration and management; and

10 (2) the effect that increased use of unmanned
11 aerial vehicles for such purposes will have on em-
12 ployment.

13 (b) **CONSULTATION.**—In conducting the study, the
14 Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with the heads of
15 other Federal agencies involved in wildfire suppression
16 and aviation, including the Secretary of the Interior, the
17 Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Defense,
18 and the Secretary of Transportation.

1 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than two
2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of Agriculture shall submit to Congress a report
4 containing the results of the study.

