

AMENDMENT TO DIVISION C OF RULES
COMMITTEE PRINT 117-12
(ENERGY & WATER APPROPRIATIONS DIVISION)
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At the end of division C (before the short title), insert the following:

- 1 POLICIES RELATING TO BIOMASS ENERGY
- 2 SEC. _____. To support the key role that forests in
- 3 the United States can play in addressing the energy needs
- 4 of the United States, the Secretary of Energy, the Sec-
- 5 retary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Envi-
- 6 ronmental Protection Agency shall, consistent with their
- 7 missions, jointly—
- 8 (1) ensure that Federal policy relating to forest
- 9 bioenergy—
- 10 (A) is consistent across all Federal depart-
- 11 ments and agencies; and
- 12 (B) recognizes the full benefits of the use
- 13 of forest biomass for energy, conservation, and
- 14 responsible forest management; and
- 15 (2) establish clear and simple policies for the
- 16 use of forest biomass as an energy solution, includ-
- 17 ing policies that—

1 (A) reflect the carbon-neutrality of forest
2 bioenergy and recognize biomass as a renewable
3 energy source, provided the use of forest bio-
4 mass for energy production does not cause con-
5 version of forests to nonforest use;

6 (B) encourage private investment through-
7 out the forest biomass supply chain, including
8 in—

- 9 (i) working forests;
- 10 (ii) harvesting operations;
- 11 (iii) forest improvement operations;
- 12 (iv) forest bioenergy production;
- 13 (v) wood products manufacturing; or
- 14 (vi) paper manufacturing;

15 (C) encourage forest management to im-
16 prove forest health; and

17 (D) recognize State initiatives to produce
18 and use forest biomass.

