

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 702
OFFERED BY MRS. DINGELL OF MICHIGAN**

Page 4, after line 21, add the following:

1 **SEC. 7. LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.**

2 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 200302 of title 54,
3 United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
5 paragraph (1), by striking “During the period end-
6 ing September 30, 2015, there” and inserting
7 “There”; and

8 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “through
9 September 30, 2015”.

10 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 200304 of title
11 54, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking “There” and inserting “(a) IN
13 GENERAL.—There”; and

14 (2) by striking the second sentence and insert-
15 ing the following:

16 “(b) ALLOCATION.—Of the appropriations from the
17 Fund—

18 “(1) not less than 40 percent shall be used col-
19 lectively for Federal purposes under section 200306;

1 “(2) not less than 40 percent shall be used col-
2 lectively—

3 “(A) to provide financial assistance to
4 States under section 200305;

5 “(B) for the Forest Legacy Program es-
6 tablished under section 7 of the Cooperative
7 Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
8 2103e);

9 “(C) for cooperative endangered species
10 grants authorized under section 6 of the En-
11 dangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
12 1535); and

13 “(D) for the American Battlefield Protec-
14 tion Program established under chapter 3081;
15 and

16 “(3) not less than 1.5 percent or \$10,000,000,
17 whichever is greater, shall be used for projects that
18 secure recreational public access to Federal public
19 land for hunting, fishing, or other recreational pur-
20 poses.”.

21 (c) CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.—Section 200306 of
22 title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
23 end the following:

24 “(c) CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.—The Secretary
25 and the Secretary of Agriculture shall consider the acqui-

1 sition of conservation easements and other similar inter-
2 ests in land where appropriate and feasible.”.

3 (d) ACQUISITION CONSIDERATIONS.—Section
4 200306 of title 54, United States Code (as amended by
5 subsection (c)), is amended by adding at the end of the
6 following:

7 “(d) ACQUISITION CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary
8 and the Secretary of Agriculture shall take into account
9 the following in determining the land or interests in land
10 to acquire:

11 “(1) Management efficiencies.

12 “(2) Management cost savings.

13 “(3) Geographic distribution.

14 “(4) Significance of the acquisition.

15 “(5) Urgency of the acquisition.

16 “(6) Threats to the integrity of the land to be
17 acquired.

18 “(7) The recreational value of the land.”.

