AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR H.R. 5303

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At the end of title I, add the following:

I	SEC. 153. WATERSENSE PROGRAM.
2	The Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j et
3	seq.) is amended by adding after Part F the following:
4	"PART G—ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS
5	"SEC. 1471. WATERSENSE PROGRAM.
6	"(a) Establishment of WaterSense Pro-
7	GRAM.—
8	"(1) In general.—There is established within
9	the Agency a voluntary WaterSense program to
10	identify and promote water-efficient products, build-
11	ings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and services
12	that, through voluntary labeling of, or other forms
13	of communications regarding, products, buildings,
14	landscapes, facilities, processes, and services while
15	meeting strict performance criteria, sensibly—
16	"(A) reduce water use;
17	"(B) reduce the strain on public and com-
18	munity water systems and wastewater and
19	stormwater infrastructure;

1	"(C) conserve energy used to pump, heat,
2	transport, and treat water; and
3	"(D) preserve water resources for future
4	generations.
5	"(2) Inclusions.—The Administrator shall,
6	consistent with this section, identify water-efficient
7	products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes,
8	and services, including categories such as—
9	"(A) irrigation technologies and services;
10	"(B) point-of-use water treatment devices;
11	"(C) plumbing products;
12	"(D) reuse and recycling technologies;
13	"(E) landscaping and gardening products,
14	including moisture control or water enhancing
15	technologies;
16	"(F) xeriscaping and other landscape con-
17	versions that reduce water use;
18	"(G) whole house humidifiers; and
19	"(H) water-efficient buildings or facilities.
20	"(b) Duties.—The Administrator, coordinating as
21	appropriate with the Secretary of Energy, shall—
22	"(1) establish—
23	"(A) a WaterSense label to be used for
24	items meeting the certification criteria estab-
25	lished in accordance with this section; and

1	"(B) the procedure, including the methods
2	and means, and criteria by which an item may
3	be certified to display the WaterSense label;
4	"(2) enhance public awareness regarding the
5	WaterSense label through outreach, education, and
6	other means;
7	"(3) preserve the integrity of the WaterSense
8	label by—
9	"(A) establishing and maintaining feasible
10	performance criteria so that products, build-
11	ings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and serv-
12	ices labeled with the WaterSense label perform
13	as well or better than less water-efficient coun-
14	terparts;
15	"(B) overseeing WaterSense certifications
16	made by third parties;
17	"(C) as determined appropriate by the Ad-
18	ministrator, using testing protocols, from the
19	appropriate, applicable, and relevant consensus
20	standards, for the purpose of determining
21	standards compliance; and
22	"(D) auditing the use of the WaterSense
23	label in the marketplace and preventing cases of
24	misuse; and

1	"(4) not more than 6 years after adoption or
2	major revision of any WaterSense specification, re-
3	view and, if appropriate, revise the specification to
4	achieve additional water savings;
5	"(5) in revising a WaterSense specification—
6	"(A) provide reasonable notice to inter-
7	ested parties and the public of any changes, in-
8	cluding effective dates, and an explanation of
9	the changes;
10	"(B) solicit comments from interested par-
11	ties and the public prior to any changes;
12	"(C) as appropriate, respond to comments
13	submitted by interested parties and the public;
14	and
15	"(D) provide an appropriate transition
16	time prior to the applicable effective date of any
17	changes, taking into account the timing nec-
18	essary for the manufacture, marketing, train-
19	ing, and distribution of the specific water-effi-
20	cient product, building, landscape, process, or
21	service category being addressed; and
22	"(6) not later than December 31, 2018, con-
23	sider for review and revision any WaterSense speci-
24	fication adopted before January 1, 2012.

- 1 "(c) Transparency.—The Administrator shall, to
- 2 the maximum extent practicable and not less than annu-
- 3 ally, regularly estimate and make available to the public
- 4 the production and relative market shares and savings of
- 5 water, energy, and capital costs of water, wastewater, and
- 6 stormwater attributable to the use of WaterSense-labeled
- 7 products, buildings, landscapes, facilities, processes, and
- 8 services.
- 9 "(d) Distinction of Authorities.—In setting or
- 10 maintaining specifications for Energy Star pursuant to
- 11 section 324A of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
- 12 (42 U.S.C. 6294a), and WaterSense under this section,
- 13 the Secretary of Energy and Administrator shall coordi-
- 14 nate to prevent duplicative or conflicting requirements
- 15 among the respective programs.
- 16 "(e) No Warranty.—A WaterSense label shall not
- 17 create an express or implied warranty.".

