

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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Add at the end the following new title:

1 **TITLE IV—STUDY AND REPORT**
2 **ON NATIONAL FOREST VOL-**
3 **UNTEERS**

4 **SEC. 401. STUDY AND REPORT ON NATIONAL FOREST VOL-**
5 **UNTEERS.**

6 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting
7 through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall conduct a
8 study on, with respect to each National Forest—

9 (1) during the 10-year period preceding the
10 date of the enactment of this section, the amount of
11 volunteer hours served at each such National Forest;

12 (2) the deferred maintenance backlog of each
13 such National Forest;

14 (3) whether volunteers could carry out any
15 projects under each such deferred maintenance back-
16 log; and

17 (4) any barriers to increasing volunteer partici-
18 pation.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agri-
3 culture shall submit a report to Congress that includes the
4 results of the study required under subsection (a).

5 (c) VOLUNTEER DEFINED.—In this section, the term
6 “volunteer”—

7 (1) means an individual who volunteers at a
8 National Forest, including through an agreement be-
9 tween a local government and the Secretary of Agri-
10 culture; and

11 (2) does not include, with respect to activities
12 carried out on National Forest System land—

13 (A) an individual who is compensated with
14 respect to such activities; or

15 (B) an individual who carries out such ac-
16 tivities pursuant to participation in—

17 (i) the Youth Conservation Corps es-
18 tablished under title I of Public Law 91-
19 378 (16 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

20 (ii) the Public Lands Corps estab-
21 lished under title II of Public law 91-378
22 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.);

23 (iii) a Job Corps program established
24 under subtitle C of title I of the Workforce

1 Innovation and Opportunity Act (29
2 U.S.C. 3191 et seq.); or
3 (iv) AmeriCorps.

