AMENDMENT TO DIVISION E OF RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-12 (INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS DIVISION)

OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of division E (before the short title), insert the following:

DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT INDIVIDUALS TO FEDERAL FIREFIGHTING AND FIREFIGHTING SUPPORT POSITIONS IN THE FOREST SERVICE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SEC. _____. (a) In General.—Chapter 96 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

§ 9603. Direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal firefighting and firefighting support positions in Forest Service and Department of the Interior

“(a) In General.—The Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Interior may appoint, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter), qualified candidates to any position described in subsection (b) in the
“(b) POSITIONS.—A position described in this subsection is any Federal wildland and structural firefighting position, or any position in support of such firefighting position, within any of the following occupational series (or any successor series):

“(1) Forestry Technician Series, GS–0462.
“(2) Aircraft Operation Series, GS–2181.
“(3) Miscellaneous Administration and Program Series, GS–0301.
“(4) General Natural Resources Management and Biological Sciences Series, GS–0401.
“(5) Aviation Management Specialist Series, GS–2101.
“(7) Dispatching Series, GS–2151.
“(8) Equipment Specialist, GS–1670.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for such chapter is amended by adding after the item relating to section 9602 the following:

“9603. Direct hire authority to appoint individuals to Federal firefighting and firefighting support positions in Forest Service and Department of the Interior.”.