

**AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-2
OFFERED BY MRS. LURIA OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of the bill, add the following new title:

1 **TITLE IX—ADDITIONS TO ROUGH**
2 **MOUNTAIN AND RICH HOLE**
3 **WILDERNESSES**

4 **SEC. 901. ADDITIONS TO ROUGH MOUNTAIN AND RICH**
5 **HOLE WILDERNESSES.**

6 (a) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Section 1 of
7 Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 102 Stat.
8 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) is amended by add-
9 ing at the end the following:

10 “(21) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Certain
11 land in the George Washington National Forest
12 comprising approximately 1,000 acres, as generally
13 depicted as the ‘Rough Mountain Addition’ on the
14 map entitled ‘GEORGE WASHINGTON NA-
15 TIONAL FOREST – South half – Alternative I –
16 Selected Alternative Management Prescriptions –
17 Land and Resources Management Plan Final Envi-
18 ronmental Impact Statement’ and dated March 4,

1 2014, which is incorporated in the Rough Mountain
2 Wilderness Area designated by paragraph (1).”.

3 (b) RICH HOLE ADDITION.—

4 (1) POTENTIAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—

5 In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act
6 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain land in the George
7 Washington National Forest comprising approxi-
8 mately 4,600 acres, as generally depicted as the
9 “Rich Hole Addition” on the map entitled
10 “GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST
11 – South half – Alternative I – Selected Alternative
12 Management Prescriptions – Land and Resources
13 Management Plan Final Environmental Impact
14 Statement” and dated March 4, 2014, is designated
15 as a potential wilderness area for incorporation in
16 the Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by section
17 1(2) of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;
18 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002).

19 (2) WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—The potential
20 wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) shall be
21 designated as wilderness and incorporated in the
22 Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by section
23 1(2) of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;
24 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) on
25 the earlier of—

1 (A) the date on which the Secretary pub-
2 lishes in the Federal Register notice that the
3 activities permitted under paragraph (4) have
4 been completed; or

5 (B) the date that is 5 years after the date
6 of enactment of this Act.

7 (3) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in
8 paragraph (4), the Secretary shall manage the po-
9 tential wilderness area designated by paragraph (1)
10 in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
11 1131 et seq.).

12 (4) WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVI-
13 TIES.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—To enhance natural
15 ecosystems within the potential wilderness area
16 designated by paragraph (1) by implementing
17 certain activities to improve water quality and
18 aquatic passage, as set forth in the Forest
19 Service document entitled “Decision Notice for
20 the Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Man-
21 agement Project” and dated December 2015,
22 the Secretary may use motorized equipment
23 and mechanized transport in the potential wil-
24 derness area until the date on which the poten-
25 tial wilderness area is incorporated into the

1 Rich Hole Wilderness Area under paragraph
2 (2).

3 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out sub-
4 paragraph (A), the Secretary, to the maximum
5 extent practicable, shall use the minimum tool
6 or administrative practice necessary to carry
7 out that subparagraph with the least amount of
8 adverse impact on wilderness character and re-
9 sources.

