

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. MCCARTHY OF CALIFORNIA

Page 135, line 9, strike “\$400,000,000” and insert “\$150,000,000”.

Page 364, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 115. RURAL COMMUNITIES DRINKING WATER RESIL-**
2 **IENCY.**

3 (a) NEW WELL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS.—Subtitle
4 A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act
5 (7 U.S.C. 1922–1936c) is amended by inserting after sec-
6 tion 306E the following:

7 **“SEC. 306F. NEW WELL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
9 grants in accordance with this section to local govern-
10 ments and public or private nonprofit entities for projects
11 designed to supply drinking water to rural communities
12 in which a significant number of dwellings with private
13 drinking water wells have wells that are not producing
14 water.

15 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants made under this sec-
16 tion may be used—

1 “(1) for waterline extensions from existing sys-
2 tems, laying of new waterlines, repairs or mainte-
3 nance to an existing system, digging of new wells or
4 development of other sources of water designed to
5 replace sources of drinking water with high levels of
6 nitrates, equipment replacement, and hook-up fees;
7 and

8 “(2) in the case of a project designed to benefit
9 a rural community outside the jurisdiction of the
10 grantee, to maintain existing water supplies of the
11 grantee that will be reduced as a result of the
12 project.

13 “(c) RURAL COMMUNITY.—In this section, the term
14 ‘rural community’ does not include—

15 “(1) any area in any city or town with a popu-
16 lation in excess of 10,000 inhabitants according to
17 the most recent decennial census of the United
18 States; and

19 “(2) any area with a median household income
20 in excess of the State nonmetropolitan median
21 household income.

22 “(d) FULL FUNDING.—Grants under this section
23 shall be made in an amount equal to 100 percent of the
24 costs of the projects conducted under this section.

1 “(e) APPLICATION.—Subsection (h) of section 306A
2 shall apply with respect to the administration of applica-
3 tions for grants under this section.

4 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
5 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.”.

7 (b) REPEAL.—Effective 5 years after the date of the
8 enactment of this section, section 306F of the Consoli-
9 dated Farm and Rural Development Act, as added by the
10 amendment made by subsection (a), is repealed.

