AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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After section 1, insert the following new section:

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Congress finds as follows:

(1) Affordable and abundant electricity from coal and natural gas is a strategic resource that is essential to modern life, America’s economic competitiveness, and, ultimately, independence from foreign and volatile sources of energy.

(2) Greenhouse gas regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (in this section referred to as “EPA greenhouse gas regulations”) and a price on carbon are designed to result in substantial immediate increases in the price of electricity, making electricity less affordable for millions of Americans.

(3) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, applicable to coal and natural gas electricity generation would be punitive and harmful to the American people by artificially raising electricity costs.
(4) With continuing high national joblessness and an unemployment rate exceeding eight percent every month since February 2009, EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, will drive the unemployment rate even higher.

(5) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, is likely to have an uneven effect, hitting different regions of the country and segments of the economy much more severely than others.

(6) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, is regressive and will impose the greatest burden on low-income individuals and families who already spend the largest share of their income on energy and are least able to afford any new regulations or price on carbon.

(7) The application of EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, to gasoline and other transportation fuels will have a dramatic, immediate impact on transportation costs, with the greatest impact being felt by low-income Americans and their families.

(8) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, will significantly increase the chances of producing a double dip recession.
(9) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, in the United States will have no impact on China, India, and other major sources of carbon emissions throughout the world, except to increase their competitiveness with the United States.

(10) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, will put United States exporters at a competitive disadvantage by increasing domestic manufacturing production costs.

(b)SENSE OF CONGRESS.—The Congress opposes new efforts to propose, advocate, or enact legislation that would establish EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price on carbon, to be imposed on fuels for energy.