AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT OF H.R. 3409

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After section 1, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

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

3 (1) Affordable and abundant electricity from
4 coal and natural gas is a strategic resource that is
5 essential to modern life, America's economic com6 petitiveness, and, ultimately, independence from for7 eign and volatile sources of energy.

8 (2) Greenhouse gas regulations of the Environ-9 mental Protection Agency (in this section referred to 10 as "EPA greenhouse gas regulations") and a price 11 on carbon are designed to result in substantial im-12 mediate increases in the price of electricity, making 13 electricity less affordable for millions of Americans.

14 (3) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price
15 on carbon, applicable to coal and natural gas elec16 tricity generation would be punitive and harmful to
17 the American people by artificially raising electricity
18 costs.

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(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.

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

10 (6) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price
11 on carbon, is regressive and will impose the greatest
12 burden on low-income individuals and families who
13 already spend the largest share of their income on
14 energy and are least able to afford any new regula15 tions or price on carbon.

16 (7) The application of EPA greenhouse gas reg17 ulations, or a price on carbon, to gasoline and other
18 transportation fuels will have a dramatic, immediate
19 impact on transportation costs, with the greatest im20 pact being felt by low-income Americans and their
21 families.

(8) EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a price
on carbon, will significantly increase the chances of
producing a double dip recession.

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(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.

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

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—The Congress opposes 11 new efforts to propose, advocate, or enact legislation that 12 would establish EPA greenhouse gas regulations, or a 13 price on carbon, to be imposed on fuels for energy.

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