AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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Page 1131, after line 14, insert the following:

1 SEC. 5119. APPALACHIAN REGIONAL ENERGY HUB.
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3 (a) APPALACHIAN REGIONAL ENERGY HUB INITIATIVE.—
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5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 145
6 of subtitle IV of title 40, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:
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9 “§ 14511. Appalachian regional energy hub initiative
10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Appalachian Regional Com-
11 mission may provide technical assistance to, make grants
12 to, enter into contracts with, or otherwise provide amounts
13 to individuals or entities in the Appalachian region for
14 projects and activities—
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16 “(1) to conduct research and analysis regarding
17 the economic impact of an ethane storage hub in the
18 Appalachian region that supports a more-effective
19 energy market performance due to the scale of the
20 project, such as a project with the capacity to store
21 and distribute more than 100,000 barrels per day of
hydrocarbon feedstock with a minimum gross heating value of 1,700 Btu per standard cubic foot;

“(2) with the potential to significantly contribute to the economic resilience of the area in which the project is located; and

“(3) that will help establish a regional energy hub in the Appalachian region for natural gas and natural gas liquids, including hydrogen produced from the steam methane reforming of natural gas feedstocks.

“(b) LIMITATION ON AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—Of the cost of any activity eligible for a grant under this section—

“(1) except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), not more than 50 percent may be provided from amounts made available to carry out this section;

“(2) in the case of a project to be carried out in a county for which a distressed county designation is in effect under section 14526, not more than 80 percent may be provided from amounts made available to carry out this section; and

“(3) in the case of a project to be carried out in a county for which an at-risk county designation is in effect under section 14526, not more than 70
percent may be provided from amounts made available to carry out this section.

“(c) SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE.—Subject to subsection (b), a grant provided under this section may be provided from amounts made available to carry out this section, in combination with amounts made available—

“(1) under any other Federal program; or

“(2) from any other source.

“(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—Notwithstanding any provision of law limiting the Federal share under any other Federal program, amounts made available to carry out this section may be used to increase that Federal share, as the Appalachian Regional Commission determines to be appropriate.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for subchapter I of chapter 145 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“14511. Appalachian regional energy hub initiative.”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 14703 of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (4) by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (5) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and
(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) $200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”;

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “$10,000,000 may be used to carry out section 14509 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2021” and inserting “$20,000,000 may be used to carry out section 14509 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026”;

(3) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) APPALACHIAN REGIONAL ENERGY HUB INITIATIVE.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), $5,000,000 shall be used to carry out section 14511 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026.”.

(c) TERMINATION.—Section 14704 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking “2021” and inserting “2026”.