

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

31

OFFERED BY MRS. RODGERS OF WASHINGTON

Page 732, after line 7, insert the following:

1 (x) CERTIFICATION.—The Assistant Secretary may
2 not provide a grant, loan, or loan guarantee under this
3 section until the Secretary, the Administrator of the Envi-
4 ronmental Protection Agency, and the Chairman of the
5 Council on Environmental Quality have jointly certified to
6 Congress that the Federal Government has—

7 (1) reviewed Federal permitting for new or ex-
8 panded facilities that will be located in the United
9 States and are eligible for a grant, loan, or loan
10 guarantee under this section;

11 (2) identified Federal regulations and proce-
12 dures that are duplicative of State requirements;

13 (3) removed or modified the Federal regulations
14 and procedures identified under paragraph (2) to re-
15 duce duplication of State requirements sufficient to
16 expedite permitting decisions to the maximum extent
17 practicable while adequately protecting public health
18 and safety;

1 (4) established options for States to expedite
2 permitting of such facilities for applicable environ-
3 mental standards;

4 (5) identified any Federal environmental poli-
5 cies or regulations that will limit the development of
6 such facilities; and

7 (6) provided exemptions to the policies or regu-
8 lations identified under paragraph (5) to remove the
9 limits described in such paragraph, where appro-
10 priate.

11 (y) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 shall submit to Congress a report on the permitting rules
14 of allies and key international partners for facilities that
15 are similar to the facilities described in subsection (x)(1).

