

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNITED STATES PA-**
2 **CIFIC OUTLYING AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCI-**
3 **ATED STATES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Federal Crop In-
5 surance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorga-
6 nization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 2231b et seq.) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 310. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNITED STATES PA-**
9 **CIFIC OUTLYING AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCI-**
10 **ATED STATES.**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agri-
12 culture, in coordination with the lead agricultural official
13 for Guam, the senior agricultural official for the Common-
14 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the senior
15 agricultural official for American Samoa, shall establish
16 an advisory committee to be known as the ‘Advisory Com-
17 mittee on United States Pacific Outlying Areas and Freely
18 Associated States’ (in section referred to the ‘Committee’)

1 to provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on matters
2 relating to residents of the areas described in subsection
3 (c)(2)(A).

4 “(b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Committee shall be
5 the following:

6 “(1) To provide advice on matters relating to
7 building plans, structural fortification, and renova-
8 tion and the preservation of historical sites, burial
9 sites, and other sites of cultural significance to the
10 residents of the areas described in subsection
11 (c)(2)(A).

12 “(2) To suggest improvements to the programs
13 and services of the Department of Agriculture to
14 better serve such residents.

15 “(3) To identify evolving issues of relevance to
16 such residents.

17 “(4) To propose clarifications, recommenda-
18 tions, and solutions to address issues raised by such
19 residents to the Committee.

20 “(5) To provide a forum for such and employ-
21 ees of the Department to discuss issues and pro-
22 posals for changes to regulations, policies, and pro-
23 cedures of the Department.

24 “(6) To identify priorities for, and provide ad-
25 vice to, the Secretary on the appropriate strategies

1 for consultation with local government and non-gov-
2 ernmental organizations, stakeholders, and other rel-
3 evant entities serving such residents.

4 “(7) To encourages the Secretary to work with
5 other Federal departments and agencies and Con-
6 gress to ensure businesses and not-for-profit organi-
7 zations located in such areas are made aware of fu-
8 ture projects that will involve construction, renova-
9 tion, other such projects relating to infrastructure,
10 grant programs, and loan programs in the United
11 States Outlying Areas and the Freely Associated
12 States.

13 “(8) To highlight contributions of such resi-
14 dents to Federal agencies and programs.

15 “(9) To encourage the Secretary to work with
16 other departments and agencies of the Federal Gov-
17 ernment and Congress to improve upon existing pro-
18 grams and provide more efficient and effective pro-
19 grams to the United States Pacific Outlying Areas
20 and the Freely Associated States.

21 “(10) To encourage the Secretary to improve
22 and strengthen the working relationship with the rel-
23 evant government and non-government agencies and
24 organizations in such areas.

1 “(11) To carry out other duties, as determined
2 appropriate by the Secretary.

3 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall be
5 comprised of 6 voting members appointed by the
6 Secretary.

7 “(2) COMPOSITION.—In appointing members
8 pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall en-
9 sure the following:

10 “(A) At least 1 member is appointed to
11 represent residents of each of the following
12 areas:

13 “(i) American Samoa.

14 “(ii) The Commonwealth of the
15 Northern Mariana Islands.

16 “(iii) Guam.

17 “(iv) The Federated States of Micro-
18 nesia.

19 “(v) The Republic of the Marshall Is-
20 lands.

21 “(vi) The Republic of Palau.

22 “(B) Each member appointed resides in an
23 area listed in subparagraph (A).

24 “(3) CONSULTATION.—In appointing members
25 pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary may con-

1 sult with any Member of Congress who represents
2 an area specified in paragraph (2)(A) or the Amba-
3 sador of such area for the Freely Associated States;

4 “(d) TERMS; VACANCIES.—

5 “(1) TERM.—A member of the Committee—

6 “(A) shall be appointed for a term of 2
7 years; and

8 “(B) may be reappointed to serve an addi-
9 tional 2-year term.

10 “(2) VACANCY.—Not later than 180 days after
11 receiving notice of a vacancy in the Committee, the
12 Secretary shall fill the vacancy in the same manner
13 as the original appointment.

14 “(e) MEETING FORMAT AND FREQUENCY.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), the Committee shall meet in person with
17 the Secretary not less than 4 times each year and
18 shall hold monthly conference calls with the Sec-
19 retary or as is determined necessary by the Com-
20 mittee.

21 “(2) VIRTUAL MEETINGS.—Meetings held
22 under paragraph (1) may be conducted virtually if
23 determined necessary based on Department proto-
24 cols and timing.

25 “(f) ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION.—

1 “(1) FEDERAL OFFICIALS.—Representatives of
2 relevant Federal departments and agencies may at-
3 tend meetings of the Committee held pursuant to
4 subsection (e).

5 “(2) DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE.—One
6 representative of the Department shall attend each
7 meeting of the Committee in addition to the Sec-
8 retary.

9 “(3) STATUS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.—
10 Representatives attending meetings under this sub-
11 section—

12 “(A) shall not be considered voting mem-
13 bers of the Committee;

14 “(B) may not receive additional compensa-
15 tion for services performed with respect to the
16 Committee; and

17 “(C) shall not be subject to the term-
18 lengths or limits defined under subsection (d).

19 “(g) REPORTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1,
21 2025, and every 12 months following the date of the
22 first report, the Committee shall submit to the Sec-
23 retary appropriate committees of Congress a report
24 describing the activities of the Committee during the
25 period covered by the report and actions taken on

1 the recommendations of the report from the period
2 immediately prior to the current period.

3 “(2) PUBLICATION.—The Committee shall
4 make publicly available on the website of the Com-
5 mittee—

6 “(A) each report submitted in accordance
7 with paragraph (1); and

8 “(B) each written response the Secretary
9 submits under paragraph (2).

10 “(3) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later
11 than 120 days after the date on which the Secretary
12 receives a report under paragraph (1), the Secretary
13 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
14 gress a written response to the report that includes
15 any comments of the Committee on such response.

16 “(4) AVAILABILITY ON WEBSITE.—The Sec-
17 retary shall make publicly available on the website of
18 the Department of Agriculture—

19 “(A) each report submitted by the Com-
20 mittee in accordance with paragraph (1); and

21 “(B) each written response the Secretary
22 submits under paragraph (2).

23 “(h) COMMITTEE PERSONNEL MATTER.—A member
24 of the Committee shall be allowed travel expenses, includ-
25 ing per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized

1 for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chap-
2 ter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from
3 the home or regular place of business of the member in
4 the performance of the duties of the Committee.

5 “(i) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,
6 the Secretary shall consult with governmental agencies
7 and not-for-profit organizations serving residents of the
8 United States Pacific Outlying Areas and Freely Associ-
9 ated States, and other stakeholders within such areas as
10 are identified by the Committee or the Secretary.

11 “(j) TERMINATION.—The Committee shall terminate
12 on the date that is 20 years after the date of enactment
13 of this section.

14 “(k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 “(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
16 GRESS.—The term ‘appropriate committees of Con-
17 gress’ means—

18 “(A) the Committee on Natural Resources
19 of the House of Representatives; and

20 “(B) the Committee on Energy and Nat-
21 ural Resources and the Committee on Environ-
22 ment and Public Works of the Senate.

23 “(2) UNITED STATES PACIFIC OUTLYING AREAS
24 AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term
25 ‘United States Pacific Outlying Areas and Freely

1 Associated States’ means American Samoa, the
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
3 Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Re-
4 public of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of
5 Palau.”.

6 (b) DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later
7 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
8 the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish the advisory
9 committee required by section 310 of the Federal Crop
10 Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorga-
11 nization Act of 1994, as added by subsection (a).

12 (c) DEADLINE FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Not
13 later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary
14 establishes the advisory committee required by such 310,
15 the Secretary shall appoint the members of such advisory
16 committee.

17 (d) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 180 days
18 after the date on which the Secretary establishes the advi-
19 sory committee required by such section 310, such advi-
20 sory committee shall hold its first meeting.

