

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PALMER OF ALABAMA**

At the end of subtitle F of title III, add the following new section:

**1 SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
**2 BAN OF CLEAN AGENT FIRE SUPPRESSION**  
**3 PRODUCTS.**

**4 (a) PROHIBITION.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
**5 sion of law, the Secretary of Defense may not prohibit the**  
**6 use of a clean agent fire suppression product on the basis**  
**7 of the presence of a fluorine-carbon bond within such**  
**8 product if there is no covered alternative product and—**

**9 (1) the use of the clean agent fire suppression**  
**10 product is required by an applicable Federal or**  
**11 State law or regulation; or**

**12 (2) the Secretary determines failure to use the**  
**13 clean agent fire suppression product may cause—**

**14 (A) a catastrophic or critical failure result-**  
**15 ing in the loss of or serious damage to property;**  
**16 or**

**17 (B) an unacceptable risk of personal injury**  
**18 or loss of life.**

**19 (b) DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1           (1) The term “clean agent fire suppression  
2           product” means a fire suppression product that in-  
3           volves an electrically nonconducting, volatile, or gas-  
4           eous fire extinguishing agent that does not leave a  
5           residue upon evaporation.

6           (2) The term “covered alternative product”  
7           means an alternative product—

8                   (A) the use of which is not prohibited by  
9                   Federal or State law or regulation;

10                   (B) that is readily available in sufficient  
11                   quantity and at a comparable cost to the prod-  
12                   uct it is intended to replace; and

13                   (C) that performs as well as or better than  
14                   such product in a specific application.

