

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of the print, insert the following (and amend the table of contents accordingly):

1 **DIVISION H—COMMUNITY RESIL-**
2 **IENCE AND RESTORATION**
3 **FUND**

4 **SECTION 12001. DEFINITIONS.**

5 For purposes of this division:

6 (1) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY.**—The term “eligible enti-
7 ty” means a Federal agency, State, the District of
8 Columbia, a territory of the United States, a unit of
9 local government, an Indian Tribe, a non-profit or-
10 ganization, or an accredited institution of higher
11 education.

12 (2) **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.**—The
13 term “eligible projects and activities” means projects
14 and activities carried out by an eligible entity on
15 public lands, tribal lands, or private land, or any
16 combination thereof, to further the purposes for
17 which the Fund is established, including planning
18 and capacity building and projects and activities car-

1 ried out in coordination with Federal, State, or trib-
2 al departments or agencies, or any department or
3 agency of a subdivision of a State.

4 (3) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
5 means the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
6 established under the National Fish and Wildlife
7 Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et
8 seq.).

9 (4) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Com-
10 munity Resilience and Restoration Fund established
11 under this Act.

12 (5) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
13 means the governing body of any individually identi-
14 fied and federally recognized Indian or Alaska Na-
15 tive Tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community,
16 affiliated Tribal group, or component reservation in
17 the list published pursuant to section 104(a) of the
18 Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994
19 (25 U.S.C. 5131(a)).

20 (6) RESTORATION AND RESILIENCE LANDS.—
21 The term “restoration and resilience lands” means
22 fish, wildlife, and plant habitats, and other impor-
23 tant natural areas in the United States, on public
24 lands, private land (after obtaining proper consent
25 from the landowner), or land of Indian Tribes, in-

1 including: grasslands, shrublands, prairies, chapparal
2 lands, forest lands, deserts, and riparian or wetland
3 areas within or adjacent to these ecosystems.

4 (7) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term “public lands”
5 means lands owned or controlled by the United
6 States or any of its agencies, with the cooperation
7 of the agency having jurisdiction thereof.

8 (8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
10 rector of the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
11 ice.

12 (9) STATE.—The term “State” means a State
13 of the United States, the District of Columbia, any
14 Indian tribe, and any commonwealth, territory, or
15 possession of the United States.

16 **SEC. 12002. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.**

17 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
18 of this division, the Secretary shall enter into a cooperative
19 agreement with the Foundation to establish the Fund at
20 the Foundation to—

21 (1) to protect, conserve, and restore restoration
22 and resilience lands, in order to help communities
23 respond and adapt to natural threats, including
24 those posed by the impacts of global climate change.

1 (2) to build the resilience of restoration and re-
2 silience lands to adapt to, recover from, and with-
3 stand natural threats, including those posed by the
4 impacts of global climate change;

5 (3) to protect and enhance the biodiversity of
6 wildlife populations across restoration and resilience
7 lands;

8 (4) to support the health of restoration and re-
9 silience lands for the benefit of present and future
10 generations;

11 (5) to foster innovative, nature-based solutions
12 that help meet the goals of this section; and

13 (6) to enhance the nation's natural carbon se-
14 questration capabilities and help communities
15 strengthen natural carbon sequestration capacity
16 where applicable.

17 **SEC. 12003. MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND.**

18 The Foundation shall manage the Fund—

19 (1) pursuant to the National Fish and Wildlife
20 Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3701 et
21 seq.); and

22 (2) in such a manner that, to the greatest ex-
23 tent practicable and consistent with the purposes for
24 which the Fund is established—

1 (A) ensures that amounts made available
2 through the Fund are accessible to historically
3 underserved communities, including Tribal com-
4 munities, communities of color, and rural com-
5 munities; and

6 (B) avoids project selection and funding
7 overlap with those projects and activities that
8 could otherwise receive funding under—

9 (i) the National Oceans and Coastal
10 Security Fund, established under the Na-
11 tional Oceans and Coastal Security Act (16
12 U.S.C. 7501); or

13 (ii) other coastal management focused
14 programs.

15 **SEC. 12004. COMPETITIVE GRANTS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—To the extent amounts are avail-
17 able in the Fund, the Foundation shall award grants to
18 eligible entities through a competitive grant process in ac-
19 cordance with procedures established pursuant to the Na-
20 tional Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act
21 (16 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.) to carry out eligible projects and
22 activities, including planning eligible projects and activi-
23 ties.

1 (b) PROPOSALS.—The Foundation, in coordination
2 with the Secretary, shall establish requirements for pro-
3 posals for competitive grants under this section.

4 **SEC. 12005. USE OF AMOUNTS IN THE FUND.**

5 (a) PLANNING.—Not less than 8 percent of amounts
6 appropriated annually to the Fund may be used to plan
7 eligible projects and activities, including capacity building.

8 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 4 per-
9 cent of amounts appropriated annually to the Fund may
10 be used by the Foundation for administrative expenses of
11 the Fund or administration of competitive grants offered
12 under the Fund.

13 (c) PRIORITY.—Not less than \$10,000,000 shall be
14 awarded annually to support eligible projects and activities
15 for Indian Tribes.

16 **SEC. 12006. REPORTS.**

17 (a) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Beginning at the end the
18 first full fiscal year after the date of enactment of this
19 division, and not later than 60 days after the end of each
20 fiscal year in which amounts are deposited into the Fund,
21 the Foundation shall submit to the Secretary a report on
22 the operation of the Fund including—

23 (1) an accounting of expenditures made under
24 the Fund, including leverage and match where appli-
25 cable;

1 (2) an accounting of any grants made under the
2 Fund, including a list of recipients and a brief de-
3 scription of each project and its purposes and goals;
4 and

5 (3) measures and metrics to track benefits cre-
6 ated by grants administered under the Fund, includ-
7 ing enhanced biodiversity, water quality, natural car-
8 bon sequestration, and resilience.

9 (b) 5-YEAR REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after
10 the end of the fifth full fiscal year after the date of enact-
11 ment of this division, and not later than 90 days after
12 the end every fifth fiscal year thereafter, the Foundation
13 shall submit to the Secretary a report containing—

14 (1) a description of any socioeconomic, biodiver-
15 sity, community resilience, or climate resilience or
16 mitigation (including natural carbon sequestration),
17 impacts generated by projects funded by grants
18 awarded by the Fund, including measures and
19 metrics illustrating these impacts;

20 (2) a description of land health benefits derived
21 from projects funded by grants awarded by the
22 Fund, including an accounting of—

23 (A) lands treated for invasive species;

24 (B) lands treated for wildfire threat reduc-
25 tion, including those treated with controlled

1 burning or other natural fire-management tech-
2 niques; and

3 (C) lands restored either from wildfire or
4 other forms or degradation, including over-graz-
5 ing and sedimentation;

6 (3) key findings for Congress, including any
7 recommended changes to the authorization or pur-
8 poses of the Fund;

9 (4) best practices for other Federal agencies in
10 the administration of funds intended for land and
11 habitat restoration;

12 (5) information on the use and outcome of
13 funds specifically set aside for planning and capacity
14 building pursuant to section 6; and

15 (6) any other information that the Foundation
16 considers relevant.

17 (c) SUBMISSION OF REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not
18 later than 10 days after receiving a report under this sec-
19 tion, the Secretary shall submit the report to the Com-
20 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
21 tives and the Committee on Environment and Public
22 Works of the Senate.

1 **SEC. 12007. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the
3 Fund \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through
4 2027 to carry out this division.

