

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

1 **SEC. 11___ . UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION HOUS-**
2 **ING ALLOWANCE FOR WILDLAND FIRE-**
3 **FIGHTERS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the availability of ap-
5 propriations, the Secretary of the Interior and the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture shall provide a housing allowance to
7 any Federal wildland firefighter deployed at a location
8 more than 50 miles from their primary residence. Such
9 allowance shall be in an amount determined appropriate
10 by the Secretaries and adjusted based on the cost of hous-
11 ing in the area of deployment.

12 (b) **WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER DEFINED.**—In this
13 Act, the term “wildland firefighter” means any temporary,
14 seasonal, or permanent position at the Department of Ag-
15 riculture or the Department of the Interior, or Tribal
16 Firefighters, that maintains group, emergency incident
17 management, or fire qualifications, as established annually
18 by the Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications

1 published by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group,
2 and primarily engages in or supports wildland fire man-
3 agement activities, including forestry and rangeland tech-
4 nicians and positions concerning aviation, engineering
5 heavy equipment operations, dispatch, training, develop-
6 ment and technology, or fire and fuels management.

