

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER OCCUPATIONAL**
2 **SERIES.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT; DETERMINATION.—Not later
4 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act—

5 (1) the Director of the Office of Personnel
6 Management shall establish one or more classifica-
7 tion series (if one series, to be designated as the
8 “Wildland Firefighter Series”) for Federal wildland
9 firefighter positions; and

10 (2) the Secretary of Agriculture and the Sec-
11 retary of the Interior shall determine each position
12 within the Department of Agriculture and the De-
13 partment of the Interior that qualifies as a Federal
14 wildland firefighter position.

15 (b) ELECTION.—Any individual employed as a Fed-
16 eral wildland firefighter in a covered 6C position (or any
17 successor position) on the date on which any classification
18 series established under paragraph (1) takes effect may
19 elect—

1 (1) to remain in the occupational series in
2 which the individual is classified on that date; or

3 (2) to be transferred to any occupational series
4 established under paragraph (1).

5 (c) FEDERAL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER.—In this
6 section, the term “Federal wildland firefighter” means
7 any temporary, seasonal, or permanent position at the De-
8 partment of Agriculture or the Department of the Interior
9 that maintains group, emergency incident management, or
10 fire qualifications, as established annually by the Stand-
11 ards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications published
12 by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, and pri-
13 marily engages in or supports wildland fire management
14 activities, including forestry and rangeland technicians
15 and positions concerning aviation, engineering heavy
16 equipment operations, or fire and fuels management.

