

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8**

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_\_. HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR FEDERAL**  
2 **WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS ON DISTANCE DE-**  
3 **PLOYMENT.**

4 (a) HOUSING ALLOWANCE.—The Secretary of Agri-  
5 culture and the Secretary of the Interior, as applicable,  
6 shall provide to any Federal wildland firefighter deployed  
7 to a location more than 50 miles from the primary resi-  
8 dence of the firefighter a housing allowance in an  
9 amount—

10 (1) determined appropriate by the applicable  
11 Secretary; and

12 (2) adjusted based on the cost of housing in the  
13 area of deployment.

14 (b) FEDERAL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER DEFINED.—

15 In this section, the term “Federal wildland firefighter”  
16 means any temporary, seasonal, or permanent position at  
17 the Department of Agriculture or the Department of the  
18 Interior, and Tribal Firefighters, that maintains group,  
19 emergency incident management, or fire qualifications, as

1 established annually by the Standards for Wildland Fire  
2 Position Qualifications published by the National Wildfire  
3 Coordinating Group, and primarily engages in or supports  
4 wildland fire management activities, including forestry  
5 and rangeland technicians and positions concerning avia-  
6 tion, engineering heavy equipment operations, dispatch, or  
7 fire and fuels management.

