

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-
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OFFERED BY MR. PERLMUTTER OF COLORADO

Page 169, line 19, strike “2023” and insert “2022”.

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XXXI the following new section:

1 **SEC. 31__ . IMPROVEMENTS TO ENERGY EMPLOYEES OC-**
2 **CUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PRO-**
3 **GRAM ACT OF 2000.**

4 (a) OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN.—Section 3686 of the
5 Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation
6 Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7385s–15) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (c)—

8 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
9 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

10 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
11 following new paragraph:

12 “(2) To provide guidance and assistance to
13 claimants.”; and

14 (2) in subsection (h), by striking “2019” and
15 inserting “2020”.

1 (b) ADVISORY BOARD ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND
2 WORKER HEALTH.—Section 3687 of the Energy Employ-
3 ees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of
4 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7385s–16) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “;
7 and” and inserting a semicolon;

8 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “;
9 and” and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (C) by adding after subparagraph (D) the
11 following:

12 “(E) the claims adjudication process gen-
13 erally, including review of procedure manual
14 changes prior to incorporation into the manual
15 and claims for medical benefits; and

16 “(F) such other matters as the Secretary
17 considers appropriate; and”;

18 (2) in subsection (g)—

19 (A) by striking “The Secretary of Energy
20 shall” and inserting “The Secretary of Energy
21 and the Secretary of Labor shall each”; and

22 (B) by adding at the end the following new
23 sentence: “The Secretary of Labor shall make
24 available to the Board the program’s medical
25 director, toxicologist, industrial hygienist and

1 program's support contractors as requested by
2 the Board.”;

3 (3) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as
4 subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and

5 (4) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(h) RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later
8 than 60 days after submission to the Secretary of Labor
9 of the Board's recommendations, the Secretary shall re-
10 spond to the Board in writing, and post on the public
11 Internet website of the Department of Labor, a response
12 to the recommendations that—

13 “(1) includes a statement of whether the Sec-
14 retary accepts or rejects the Board's recommenda-
15 tions;

16 “(2) if the Secretary accepts the board's rec-
17 ommendations, describes the timeline for when those
18 recommendations will be implemented; and

19 “(3) if the Secretary does not accept the rec-
20 ommendations, describes the reasons the Secretary
21 does not agree and provide all scientific research to
22 the Board supporting that decision.”.

