

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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OFFERED BY MS. PLASKETT OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

At the end of title IX, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR UNITED STATES**

2 **TERRITORIES.**

3 (a) **RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM.—**

4 (1) **ESTABLISHMENT.—**Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary shall establish a renewable energy program
7 (in this section referred to as the “program”) under
8 which the Secretary may award grants to covered
9 entities to facilitate projects, in territories of the
10 United States, described in paragraph (3).

11 (2) **APPLICATIONS.—**To be eligible for a grant
12 under the program, a covered entity shall submit to
13 the Secretary an application at such time, in such
14 form, and containing such information as the Sec-
15 retary may require.

16 (3) **GRANT USES.—**A covered entity receiving a
17 grant under the program may use the grant funds
18 for a project, in a territory of the United States—

1 (A) to develop or construct a renewable en-
2 ergy system;

3 (B) to carry out an activity to increase en-
4 ergy efficiency;

5 (C) to develop or construct an energy stor-
6 age system or device for—

7 (i) a system developed or constructed
8 under subparagraph (A); or

9 (ii) an activity carried out under sub-
10 paragraph (B);

11 (D) to develop or construct—

12 (i) a smart grid; or

13 (ii) a microgrid; or

14 (E) to train residents of the territory to
15 develop, construct, maintain, or operate a re-
16 newable energy system.

17 (4) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
18 establishment of the program, and annually there-
19 after, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a re-
20 port containing—

21 (A) an estimate of the amount of funds
22 disbursed under the program;

23 (B) an estimate of the energy conservation
24 achieved as a result of the program;

1 (C) a description of challenges encountered
2 in implementing projects described in para-
3 graph (3); and

4 (D) recommendations as to additional leg-
5 islative measures to increase the use of renew-
6 able energy in territories of the United States,
7 as appropriate.

8 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
10 as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

11 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—

13 (A) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than
14 180 days after the date of enactment of this
15 Act, the Comptroller General of the United
16 States shall—

17 (i) conduct a study regarding renew-
18 able energy and energy efficiency in terri-
19 tories of the United States; and

20 (ii) submit to Congress a report con-
21 taining—

22 (I) the findings of the study; and

23 (II) related recommendations.

24 (B) COMPONENTS.—The study conducted
25 under subparagraph (A) shall consider, in rela-

1 tion each territory of the United States, the po-
2 tential—

3 (i) to modify existing electric power
4 systems to use renewable energy sources;

5 (ii) to expand the use of microgrids;

6 and

7 (iii) to improve energy resiliency.

8 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 There is authorized to be appropriated \$1,500,000
10 to carry out this subsection.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
13 tity” means a not-for-profit organization determined
14 eligible by the Secretary for purposes of this section.

15 (2) MICROGRID.—The term “microgrid” means
16 an electric system—

17 (A) that serves the local community with a
18 power generation and distribution system; and

19 (B) that has the ability—

20 (i) to disconnect from a traditional
21 electric grid; and

22 (ii) to operate autonomously when dis-
23 connected.

24 (3) RENEWABLE ENERGY; RENEWABLE ENERGY
25 SYSTEM.—The terms “renewable energy” and “re-

1 newable energy system” have the meanings given
2 those terms in section 9001 of the Farm Security
3 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101).

4 (4) SMART GRID.—The term “smart grid”
5 means an intelligent electric grid that uses digital
6 communications technology, information systems,
7 and automation to, while maintaining high system
8 reliability—

9 (A) detect and react to local changes in
10 usage;

11 (B) improve system operating efficiency;
12 and

13 (C) reduce spending costs.

14 (5) TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.—The
15 term “territory of the United States” means the
16 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the United
17 States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the
18 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

