

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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OFFERED BY MR. ROUDA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 894, after line 6, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12606. REPORTS ON EXPANDED, YEAR-ROUND FIRE-**
2 **FIGHTING WORKFORCE.**

3 (a) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of the Interior shall submit to Congress a re-
7 port on the investments necessary to support an ex-
8 panded full-time, year-round firefighting workforce,
9 including how such investments could increase sup-
10 pression capacity and be utilized during periods of
11 low wildfire activity in support of additional haz-
12 ardous fuels reduction, including prescribed burns or
13 managed wildfire, in order to reduce risks to vulner-
14 able communities, critical infrastructure, and nat-
15 ural and cultural resources.

16 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The report under paragraph
17 (1) shall include—

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2 and funding for both the fire and non-fire work-
3 force has changed over time;

4 (B) a cost-benefit analysis regarding the
5 use of prescribed or managed fire as compared
6 to mechanical thinning, logging, and other for-
7 est management activities;

8 (C) a description of how the activities de-
9 scribed under subparagraph (B) could support
10 Department of the Interior objectives, resource
11 management needs, and forest resilience;

12 (D) a determination of whether Federal
13 pay general scale flexibility of an expanded full-
14 time, year-round firefighting workforce would
15 impact the ability of the Federal Government to
16 compete with State and local governments, utili-
17 ties, and other private entities with overlapping
18 employment needs; and

19 (E) an assessment of the impact of such
20 full-time, year round firefighting workforce on
21 the National Fire Plan.

22 (b) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
25 retary of Agriculture shall submit a report to Con-

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Page 894, line 7, strike “12606” and insert
“12607”.

