

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-22
OFFERED BY MR. EZELL OF MISSISSIPPI

At the end of part II of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following:

1 SEC. 8421. TIMBER PRODUCTION EXPANSION GUARANTEED
2 LOAN PROGRAM.

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-
5 ty” means an individual or entity that owns or oper-
6 ates a sawmill or other wood-processing facility lo-
7 cated in a rural area (as defined in section 343(a)
8 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development
9 Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a))) of the United States.

10 (2) ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.—The term “eli-
11 gible Federal land” means any unit of Federal land,
12 including Indian forest land or rangeland, that has
13 been identified by the Secretary, in coordination
14 with the Secretary of the Interior, as high or very
15 high priority for ecological restoration involving
16 vegetation removal under subsection (b).

1 (3) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
2 the Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan
3 Program of the Department of Agriculture.

4 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Agriculture.

6 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE FEDERAL
7 LAND.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, and not less frequently than once every 5 years
9 thereafter, the Secretary, in coordination with the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior, shall—

11 (1) review Federal land under the jurisdiction
12 of the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior; and

13 (2) identify units of Federal land that, as deter-
14 mined by the Secretaries, are high or very high pri-
15 ority for ecological restoration involving vegetation
16 removal.

17 (c) LOAN GUARANTEES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
19 tion with the Secretary of the Interior, shall provide
20 loan guarantees under the Program to eligible enti-
21 ties seeking to establish, reopen, retrofit, expand, or
22 improve a sawmill or other wood-processing facility
23 located within a 250-mile radius of, a unit of eligible
24 Federal land, if the presence of a sawmill or other
25 wood-processing facility would, or does, substantially

1 decrease the cost of conducting ecological restoration
2 projects involving vegetation removal on the eligible
3 Federal land, as determined by the Secretary, in co-
4 ordination with the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) CONDITIONS.—A loan guarantee under the
6 Program shall be provided in accordance with such
7 conditions as the Secretary determines to be nec-
8 essary.

9 (3) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The Secretary may
10 provide a total of not more than \$220,000,000 in
11 loan guarantees under the Program.

