

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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Add at the end of subtitle F of title II the following:

1 **SEC. 25 \_\_\_\_ . CONSERVATION PROGRAM DELIVERY ASSUR-**  
2 **ANCE REPORT.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COVERED PROGRAM.—The term “covered  
5 program” means each of the following:

6 (A) The environmental quality incentives  
7 program under subchapter A of chapter 4 of  
8 subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act  
9 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.).

10 (B) The conservation stewardship program  
11 under subchapter B of chapter 4 of subtitle D  
12 of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985  
13 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–21 et seq.).

14 (C) The regional conservation partnership  
15 program under subtitle J of title XII of the  
16 Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by this  
17 Act.

18 (D) The agricultural conservation ease-  
19 ment program under subtitle H of title XII of

1           the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3865  
2           et seq.).

3           (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The term “tech-  
4           nical assistance” has the same meaning as when  
5           used in section 1242 of the Food Security Act of  
6           1985 (16 U.S.C. 3842).

7           (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days  
8           after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
9           submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of  
10          Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
11          tion, and Forestry of the Senate a report, and make such  
12          report publicly available on a Department website, that de-  
13          scribes in detail the plan of the Department to fully and  
14          timely obligate funds made available for covered programs  
15          under this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and  
16          any subsequent Act.

17          (c) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report described in  
18          subsection (b) shall include—

19               (1) an obligation plan, including detailed cri-  
20               teria, processes, and timelines for obligating all  
21               available funding for each covered program, includ-  
22               ing anticipated contract approval schedules;

23               (2) information on staffing levels, including the  
24               number of personnel available at the national, State,

1 and county levels to process applications and admin-  
2 ister contracts for each covered program;

3 (3) information on the demand for such covered  
4 programs, including the number of applications re-  
5 ceived and approved for each covered program,  
6 disaggregated by State and congressional districts,  
7 and estimate of application processing timelines  
8 from submission to approval;

9 (4) a description of how the Department will al-  
10 locate staffing, technical assistance, and other re-  
11 sources to minimize delays, ensure timely obligation  
12 of funds, and balance staff workload and geo-  
13 graphical constraints; and

14 (5) with respect to a report relating to the re-  
15 gional conservation partnership program, the sched-  
16 ule for soliciting, reviewing, and approving, applica-  
17 tions for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year there-  
18 after.

