

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-22
OFFERED BY MS. STANSBURY OF NEW MEXICO

Add at the end of subtitle D of title XII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . ELIGIBILITY OF LAND GRANT AND ACEQUIA AS-**
2 **SOCIATIONS.**

3 (a) **ELIGIBILITY EXPANDED.**—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law, a land grant association or acequia
5 association shall be deemed an eligible entity for purposes
6 of any program administered by the Secretary under this
7 Act, the amendments made by this Act, or by the Food
8 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), including
9 with respect to any ownership, control, or tenure require-
10 ment of such program, to the same extent as any other
11 eligible producer or entity.

12 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

13 (1) **ACEQUIA ASSOCIATION.**—The term “acequia
14 association” means a community-based irrigation or-
15 ganization that manages a shared water conveyance
16 system for agricultural purposes under State law,
17 custom, or tradition.

18 (2) **LAND GRANT ASSOCIATION.**—The term
19 “land grant association” means a community organi-

1 zation that holds, manages, or advocates for com-
2 munal land rights derived from Spanish or Mexican
3 land grants and is recognized under State law or by
4 the relevant State land grant authority.

5 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
6 tion may be construed to affect the water rights, land
7 rights, or legal status of any land grant association or
8 acequia association under State law.

