

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. STEFANIK OF NEW YORK

Page 355, strike lines 16 through 22 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6109. BROADBAND SERVICE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRO-**
2 **DUCERS.**

3 (a) LOAN PRIORITIES IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO
4 BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN RURAL
5 AREAS.—Section 601(c)(2) of the Rural Electrification
6 Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb(e)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
8 graph (C);

9 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
10 paragraph (E) and, in such subparagraph, by strik-
11 ing “in the applications of the applicants”; and

12 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(D) give priority to applicants that offer
15 to provide broadband service, at better than the
16 minimum acceptable standard of service estab-
17 lished under subsection (e), to agricultural pro-
18 ducers in the proposed service territory to im-
19 prove their ability to conduct precision farming

1 or ranching, as determined by the Secretary;
2 and”.

3 (b) UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT FOR BROADBAND
4 SERVICE INSTALLATION CHARGES FOR AGRICULTURAL
5 PRODUCERS.—Section 254 of the Communications Act of
6 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

8 “(m) SUPPORT FOR BROADBAND SERVICE INSTAL-
9 LATION CHARGES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A provider of broadband
11 service serving a geographic area shall, upon a bona
12 fide request from an agricultural producer for con-
13 nection to such service to improve the ability of the
14 producer to conduct precision farming or ranching,
15 install any line or other facility or equipment nec-
16 essary to enable such connection at a discount from
17 the amount that the provider would charge other
18 parties for a similar installation.

19 “(2) AMOUNT OF DISCOUNT.—The amount of
20 the discount provided under paragraph (1) shall be
21 the lesser of—

22 “(A) the amount that the provider would
23 charge other parties for a similar installation;
24 or

25 “(B) \$15,000.

1 “(3) LIMIT OF ONE DISCOUNT PER AGRICUL-
2 TURAL PRODUCER.—An agricultural producer may
3 not receive more than one discount under paragraph
4 (1).

5 “(4) OFFSET OR REIMBURSEMENT.—A provider
6 of broadband service that makes an installation
7 under paragraph (1) shall—

8 “(A) have an amount equal to the amount
9 of the discount provided under such paragraph
10 treated as an offset to its obligation to con-
11 tribute to the mechanisms to preserve and ad-
12 vance universal service; or

13 “(B) notwithstanding the provisions of
14 subsection (e), receive reimbursement utilizing
15 the support mechanisms to preserve and ad-
16 vance universal service.

17 “(5) CONSISTENCY WITH RURAL BROADBAND
18 ACCESS PROGRAM.—The Commission shall, in con-
19 sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, promul-
20 gate such regulations as are necessary to ensure that
21 this subsection is carried out in a manner that is
22 consistent with the manner in which the Secretary
23 of Agriculture carries out section 601(c)(2)(D) of

1 the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C.
2 950bb(e)(2)(D)).”.

