

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

At the end of subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . COMPETITIVE FORESTRY, NATURAL RESOURCES,**
2 **AND ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS PROGRAM.**

3 Section 1232 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation,
4 and Trade Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 582a–8) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a) by inserting “or forest res-
6 toration” after “research”; and

7 (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(c) PRIORITIES.—

10 “(1) RESEARCH.—In awarding the initial
11 grants under subsection (a) the Secretary shall give
12 priority to applicants who will use such grants for
13 research concerning—

14 “(A) the biology of forest organisms, in-
15 cluding physiology, genetic mechanisms, and
16 biotechnology;

17 “(B) ecosystem function and management,
18 including forest ecosystem research, biodiver-
19 sity, forest productivity, pest management,

1 water resources, and alternative silvicultural
2 systems;

3 “(C) wood as a raw material, including for-
4 est products and harvesting;

5 “(D) human forest interactions, including
6 outdoor recreation, public policy formulation,
7 economics, sociology, and administrative behav-
8 ior;

9 “(E) international trade, competition, and
10 cooperation related to forest products;

11 “(F) alternative native crops, products,
12 and services that can be produced from renew-
13 able natural resources associated with privately
14 held forest lands;

15 “(G) viable economic production and mar-
16 keting systems for alternative natural resource
17 products and services;

18 “(H) economic and environmental benefits
19 of various conservation practices on forest
20 lands;

21 “(I) genetic tree improvement; and

22 “(J) market expansion.

23 “(2) FOREST RESTORATION.—Grants may be
24 used to support programs that restore forest tree
25 species native to American forests that may have

1 suffered severe levels of mortality caused by non-na-
2 tive insects, plant pathogens, or others pests.

3 “(A) REQUIRED COMPONENT OF FOREST
4 RESTORATION STRATEGY.—To receive a grant
5 under this subsection, an eligible institution
6 shall demonstrate that it offers a program with
7 a forest restoration strategy that incorporates
8 not less than one of the following components:

9 “(i) Collection and conservation of na-
10 tive tree genetic material.

11 “(ii) Production of propagules of na-
12 tive trees in numbers large enough for
13 landscape scale restoration.

14 “(iii) Site preparation of former of na-
15 tive tree habitat.

16 “(iv) Planting of native tree seedlings.

17 “(v) Post-planting maintenance of na-
18 tive trees.

19 “(B) AWARD OF GRANTS.—The Secretary
20 shall award competitive grants under this sub-
21 section based on the degree to which the appli-
22 cant addresses the following criteria:

23 “(i) Risk posed to the forests of that
24 State by non-native pests, as measured by

1 such factors as the number of such pests
2 present in the State.

3 “(ii) The proportion of the State’s
4 forest composed of species vulnerable to
5 non-native pests present in the United
6 States.

7 “(iii) The pests’ rate of spread via
8 natural or human-assisted means.”.

