

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 508. SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.**

2 Section 402(l) of the Federal Water Pollution Control
3 Act (33 U.S.C. 1342(l)) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(3) SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.—

6 “(A) NPDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR
7 SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.—The Adminis-
8 trator shall not require a permit or otherwise
9 promulgate regulations under this section or di-
10 rectly or indirectly require any State to require
11 a permit under this section for a discharge of
12 stormwater runoff resulting from the conduct of
13 the following silviculture activities: nursery op-
14 erations, site preparation, reforestation and
15 subsequent cultural treatment, thinning, pre-
16 scribed burning, pest and fire control, har-
17 vesting operations, surface drainage, and road
18 use, construction, and maintenance.

1 “(B) PERMITS FOR DREDGED OR FILL MA-
2 TERIAL.—Nothing in this paragraph exempts a
3 silvicultural activity resulting in the discharge
4 of dredged or fill material from any permitting
5 requirement under section 404.”.

