AMENDMENT TO THE
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 113-34
OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

After section 1, insert the following:

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) Greenhouse gas pollution threatens the public health and welfare of current and future generations of Americans by contributing to long-lasting changes in our climate that can have a range of negative effects on human health and the environment.

(2) The global climate is changing now and much of the climate change of the past 50 years is due primarily to human activities.

(3) According to the United States Global Change Research Program, the average temperature in the United States has increased by about 1.5°F. Since record keeping began in 1895, more than 80 percent of this increase has occurred since 1980.

(4) The most recent decade was the Nation’s hottest on record, and temperatures in the United States are expected to continue to rise.
(5) As a result of climate change, the West will experience increasingly severe and sustained droughts. The United States Global Change Research Program reports that rising temperatures will lead to a decline in mountain snowpack, reduced precipitation, and increased evaporation. Changes in the atmosphere may cause storms to shift north, depriving portions of the West of much-needed rain and snowfall.