

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

After section 1, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds as follows:

3 (1) Greenhouse gas pollution threatens the pub-
4 lic health and welfare of current and future genera-
5 tions of Americans by contributing to long-lasting
6 changes in our climate that can have a range of neg-
7 ative effects on human health and the environment.

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

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

16 (4) The most recent decade was the Nation's
17 hottest on record, and temperatures in the United
18 States are expected to continue to rise.

1 (5) As a result of climate change, the West will
2 experience increasingly severe and sustained
3 droughts. The United States Global Change Re-
4 search Program reports that rising temperatures will
5 lead to a decline in mountain snowpack, reduced
6 precipitation, and increased evaporation. Changes in
7 the atmosphere may cause storms to shift north, de-
8 priving portions of the West of much-needed rain
9 and snowfall.

