

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title I add the following:

1 **SEC. 1 ____ . EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALTY CROP**

2 **PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS.**

3 (a) **DIRECT PAYMENTS TO PRODUCERS.**—Of the
4 funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary
5 shall use \$10,000,000,000 to provide direct payments to
6 producers of specialty crops to address economic losses,
7 increased input costs, and market disruptions.

8 (b) **DIRECT PAYMENTS TO PROCESSORS.**—Of the
9 funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary
10 shall use \$2,000,000,000 to provide direct payments to
11 specialty crop processors to address economic losses, sup-
12 ply chain disruptions, facility closures, and market disrup-
13 tions.

14 (c) **ADMINISTRATION.**—In carrying out this section,
15 the Secretary shall—

16 (1) establish criteria and payment methodolo-
17 gies in a manner that ensures timely and equitable
18 distribution of funds; and

1 (2) use, to the maximum extent practicable, ex-
2 isting programs and administrative mechanisms of
3 the Department of Agriculture to expedite payments.

