

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF CALIFORNIA

Page 35, after line 12, insert the following (and re-designate the subsequent section accordingly):

1 **SEC. 2102. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 Section 1231A of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
4 U.S.C. 3831a) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
6 section (g); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(f) SEASONALLY FLOODED WORKING LANDS HABI-
10 TAT CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an agree-
12 ment entered into under subsection (b)(1) that ad-
13 dresses diminished quantity and quality of wetland
14 wildlife habitats, the Secretary, in consultation with
15 the applicable State technical committee established
16 under section 1261(a), may—

17 “(A) enroll other agricultural land that is
18 not eligible land on which the resource concerns

1 identified in the agreement can be addressed if
2 the enrollment of such other agricultural land is
3 critical to the accomplishment of the purposes
4 of the agreement;

5 “(B) if the agreement involves the mainte-
6 nance of habitat for one or more wetland-de-
7 pendent species on working cropland, permit
8 seasonally flooded agricultural uses on such
9 working cropland with the adoption of at least
10 one best management practice; and

11 “(C) calculate annual rental payments in a
12 manner that—

13 “(i) is comparable with annual costs
14 to maintain other seasonally-flooded wet-
15 land wildlife habitats in the region; and

16 “(ii) ensures regional consistency in
17 those rental payment rates.

18 “(2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT WAIVER.—In
19 the case of an agreement described in paragraph (1),
20 the Secretary may waive the matching requirement
21 described in subsection (c)(1).”.

