

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
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OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI**

Page 200, strike lines 1 through 5 and insert the following:

1           “(2) WILDLIFE HABITAT.—For each of fiscal  
2           years 2014 through 2018, not less than 5 percent of  
3           the funds made available for payments under the  
4           program shall be targeted at practices benefitting  
5           wildlife habitat under subsection (j).”;

Page 200, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 201, line 8 and insert the following:

6           “(j) WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—  
7           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide  
8           payments under the program for conservation prac-  
9           tices that support the restoration, development, and  
10          improvement of wildlife habitat on eligible land, in-  
11          cluding—  
12                  “(A) upland wildlife habitat;  
13                  “(B) wetland wildlife habitat;  
14                  “(C) habitat for threatened and endan-  
15          gered species;

1           “(D) fish habitat;

2           “(E) habitat on pivot corners and other ir-  
3 regular areas of a field; and

4           “(F) other types of wildlife habitat, as de-  
5 termined by the Secretary.

6           “(2) STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.—In deter-  
7 mining the practices eligible for payment under  
8 paragraph (1) and targeted for funding under sub-  
9 section (f), the Secretary shall, at a minimum, con-  
10 sult with the relevant State technical committee once  
11 a year.

12           “(3) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
13 vision of this chapter, the Secretary may make pay-  
14 ments to a State or local unit of government to en-  
15 roll land that is riparian to, or submerged under, a  
16 water body or wetland if the Secretary determines  
17 that the inclusion of the land would support the res-  
18 toration, development, and improvement of wildlife  
19 habitat.”.

