

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
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OFFERED BY MR. TIPTON OF COLORADO**

At the end of subtitle E of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 8408. FOREST SERVICE LARGE AIRTANKER AND AER-**  
2 **IAL ASSET FIREFIGHTING RECAPITALIZA-**  
3 **TION PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
5 propriations, the Secretary, acting through the Chief of  
6 the Forest Service, may establish a large airtanker and  
7 aerial asset lease program in accordance with this section.

8 (b) AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the  
9 program described in subsection (a), the Secretary may  
10 enter into a multiyear lease contract for up to five aircraft  
11 that meet the criteria—

12 (1) described in the Forest Service document  
13 entitled “Large Airtanker Modernization Strategy”  
14 and dated February 10, 2012, for large airtankers;  
15 and

16 (2) determined by the Secretary, for other aer-  
17 ial assets.

1           (c) LEASE TERMS.—The term of any individual lease  
2 agreement into which the Secretary enters under this sec-  
3 tion shall be—

4           (1) up to five years, inclusive of any options to  
5 renew or extend the initial lease term; and

6           (2) in accordance with section 3903 of title 41,  
7 United States Code.

8           (d) PROHIBITION.—No lease entered into under this  
9 section shall provide for the purchase of the aircraft by,  
10 or the transfer of ownership to, the Forest Service.

