

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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Add at the end of subtitle D of title XII the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FUNDING**
2 **AND OFFICES.**

3 The Secretary shall—

4 (1) immediately after the enactment of this Act,
5 unfreeze funding for and implement all written
6 agreements and contracts entered into by the Sec-
7 retary prior to the date of enactment of this Act;

8 (2) as rapidly as possible after the enactment of
9 this Act, pay all past due amounts owed by the Sec-
10 retary under agreements and contracts described in
11 paragraph (1);

12 (3) not cancel any signed agreement or contract
13 with a farmer or an entity providing assistance to
14 farmers, unless the farmer or entity has failed to
15 comply with the terms and conditions of the con-
16 tract; and

17 (4) not close any Farm Service Agency county
18 office, Natural Resources Conservation Service field

1 office, or Rural Development Local Service Center
2 without providing written notice and justification to
3 Congress not later than 60 days before the date on
4 which the applicable office or center is intended to
5 be closed.

