

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–3**

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Strike Subtitle A.

At the end of section 10104, add the following:

1           (g) REAUTHORIZATION OF AGARDA.—Section 1473H  
2           of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and  
3           Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7. U.S.C. 3319k) is amend-  
4           ed—

5           (1) in the section heading, by striking “PILOT”;

6           (2) in subsection (a)(6), by striking “growing,” and in-  
7           serting “growing (including water conservation technologies  
8           and innovation),”;

9           (3) in subsection (b)—

10           (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “pilot”;

11           (B) in paragraph (2)—

12                   (i) by amending subparagraph (B) to read

13                   as follows:

14                   “(B) to overcome the long term an high-risk

1 technological barriers in the development of agricul-  
2 tural technologies, research tools, and qualified prod-  
3 ucts and projects that enhance export competitiveness,  
4 environmental sustainability, water conservation, the  
5 reduction, avoidance, sequestration, or mitigation of  
6 greenhouse gas emissions, and resilience to extreme  
7 weather, drought, infectious diseases, plant and ani-  
8 mal pathogens, and plant and animal pests;” and

9 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “or  
10 economic cost” after “financial uncertainty”;

11 (C) in paragraph (3)(B)—

12 (i) in clause (ii), in the matter preceding  
13 subclause (I), by striking “advise the Chief Scien-  
14 tists on, and”; and

15 (ii) by amending clause (iii) to read as fol-  
16 lows:

17 “(iii) RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE DEPART-  
18 MENT OF AGRICULTURE.—

1 “(I) CHIEF SCIENTIST.—The Director  
2 shall report to the Chief Scientist.

3 “(II) OTHER PROGRAMS.—No other  
4 official who is the head of any other program of  
5 the Department of Agriculture shall report to the  
6 Director.”;

7 (D) in paragraph (6), by striking “pilot” each place it  
8 appears in subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

9 (E) by amending paragraph (9) to read as follows:

10 “(9) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall es-  
12 tablish and maintain within the AGARDA a staff with  
13 sufficient qualifications and expertise to enable the  
14 AGARDA to carry out the responsibilities of the  
15 AGARDA under this section in conjunction with oth-  
16 er operations of the Department of Agriculture.

17 “(B) USE OF EXISTING PERSONNEL AUTHOR-  
18 ITIES.—In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary

1           may appoint highly qualified individuals to scientific  
2           or professional positions on the same terms and con-  
3           ditions as provided in subsections (b)(3), (b)(4), (c),  
4           (d), (e), and (f) of section 620 of the Agricultural Re-  
5           search, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998  
6           (7 U.S.C. 7657).”;

7           (4) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following:

8           “(4) USE OF STRATEGIC PLAN.—The Secretary shall  
9           use the strategic plan developed under paragraph (1) to in-  
10          form the administration of the AGARDA under this sec-  
11          tion.”;

12          (5) in subsection (d)—

13               (A) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (C);

14               (B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

15          “(3) FUNDING.—In addition to the funds otherwise deposit-  
16          ed in the Fund under paragraph (2), of the funds of the  
17          Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall make  
18          available to carry out this section \$150,000,000 for each of

1 the fiscal years 2026 through 2030, to remain available until  
2 expended.”

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) OTHER FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise  
5 made available to carry out this section, the Secretary may  
6 use to carry out this section other funds available to the Sec-  
7 retary for any other purpose.

8 “(5) Clarification.—Nothing in paragraph (2) or (4) author-  
9 izes the use of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corpora-  
10 tion to carry out this section.”; and

11 (6) by striking subsection (e).