

Union Calendar No. 150

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3389

[Report No. 118–187, Part I]

To require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an evaluation with respect to the use of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS), and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2023

Mr. VALADAO (for himself, Mr. COSTA, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. ISSA, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. CURTIS, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Additional sponsors: Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Mr. KILEY, and Mr. HARDER of California

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Committee on Agriculture discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 16, 2023]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Wildfire*
 5 *Fighting Technology Act of 2023”.*

6 **SEC. 2. CONTAINER AERIAL FIREFIGHTING SYSTEM**
 7 **(CAFFS).**

8 (a) *EVALUATION.*—Not later than 90 days after the
 9 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-*
 10 *culture and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation*
 11 *with the National Interagency Aviation Committee and the*
 12 *Interagency Airtanker Board, shall jointly conduct an eval-*
 13 *uation of the container aerial firefighting system to assess*
 14 *the use of such system to mitigate and suppress wildfires.*

15 (b) *REPORT.*—Not later than 120 days after the date
 16 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture*
 17 *and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the*
 18 *National Interagency Aviation Committee and the Inter-*
 19 *agency Airtanker Board, shall jointly submit to the appro-*
 20 *priate committees a report that includes the results of the*
 21 *evaluation required under subsection (a).*

22 (c) *APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES DEFINED.*—In this
 23 *section, the term “appropriate committees” means—*

24 (1) *the Committees on Agriculture and Natural*
 25 *Resources of the House of Representatives; and*

- 1 (2) *the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition,*
- 2 *and Forestry and Energy and Natural Resources of*
- 3 *the Senate.*

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