

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 5698) TO AMEND TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, TO PUNISH CRIMINAL OFFENSES TARGETING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (S. 2372) TO AMEND TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE, TO PROVIDE OUTER BURIAL RECEPTACLES FOR REMAINS BURIED IN NATIONAL PARKS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2) TO PROVIDE FOR THE REFORM AND CONTINUATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2023, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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MAY 15, 2018.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

## R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 891]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 891, by a record vote of 6 to 3, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

### SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 5698, the Protect and Serve Act of 2018, under a structured rule. The resolution provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The resolution makes in order only the further amendment printed in part A of this report, if offered by the Member designated in this report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part A of this report. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the resolution provides for consideration of S. 2372, the Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act, under a closed rule. The resolution provides one hour of debate equally divided and con-

trolled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 5674 as reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, modified by the amendment printed in part B of this report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 3 of the resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2, Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, under a structured rule. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The resolution makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of this report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the committee of the whole. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of this report. The resolution provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

#### EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 5698, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in H.R. 5698, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments to H.R. 5698 printed in part A of this report, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of S. 2372 includes a waiver of the following:

- Clause 10 of rule XXI, which prohibits the consideration of a bill if it has the net effect of increasing mandatory spending over the five-year or ten-year period;
- Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a 302(a) allocation of such authority;
- Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the

Committee on the Budget unless referred to or reported by the Budget Committee; and

- Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation that would cause the level of total new budget authority for the first fiscal year to be exceeded.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against provisions in S. 2372, as amended, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

The waiver of all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order to H.R. 2 includes a waiver of the following:

- Clause 5(a) of rule XXI, which prohibits a bill or joint resolution carrying a tax or tariff measure from being reported by a committee not having jurisdiction to report tax or tariff measures;
- Clause 10 of rule XXI, which prohibits the consideration of a bill if it has the net effect of increasing mandatory spending over the five-year or ten-year period;
- Section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation providing new budget authority in excess of a 302(a) allocation of such authority; and
- Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, which prohibits consideration of legislation that would cause the level of total new budget authority for the first fiscal year to be exceeded.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments to H.R. 2 printed in part C of this report, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 212*

Motion by Mr. McGovern to amend the rule to provide that, on adoption of the rule, H.R. 2 is recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture, with instructions to consider a Farm Bill that does not decrease access to SNAP benefits, will not lead to fewer people enrolled in SNAP, and will not cut SNAP benefits for enrollees. Defeated: 3–6

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Cole .....	.....	Mr. McGovern .....	Yea
Mr. Woodall .....	.....	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	Yea
Mr. Burgess .....	Nay	Mr. Polis .....	.....
Mr. Collins .....	.....	Mrs. Torres .....	Yea
Mr. Byrne .....	Nay		
Mr. Newhouse .....	Nay		
Mr. Buck .....	Nay		
Ms. Cheney .....	Nay		

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Nay		

*Rules Committee record vote No. 213*

Motion by Mr. Burgess to report the rule. Adopted: 6–3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Cole .....		Mr. McGovern .....	Nay
Mr. Woodall .....		Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	Nay
Mr. Burgess .....	Yea	Mr. Polis .....	Nay
Mr. Collins .....		Mrs. Torres .....	Nay
Mr. Byrne .....	Yea		
Mr. Newhouse .....	Yea		
Mr. Buck .....	Yea		
Ms. Cheney .....	Yea		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Yea		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5698 IN PART A MADE IN ORDER

1. Goodlatte (VA): Adds clarifying language so only those who cause injury to a law enforcement officer with intent, not by accident, can be charged under the statute. It also amends the definition of law enforcement officer to assure correctional officers are covered by the definition. (10 minutes)

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT TO S. 2372 IN PART B CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

1. Roe (TN): Provides technical and procedural corrections to H.R. 5674; changes the short title to the “John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018”.

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2 IN PART C MADE IN ORDER

1. King, Steve (IA): Allows Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to go into contracts with drainage districts to provide irrigation or water efficiency. (10 minutes)

2. Gibbs (OH): Expresses a sense of congress encouraging partnerships at the watershed level between nonpoint sources and regulated point sources to advance the goals of the Water Pollution Control Act. (10 minutes)

3. Marino (PA), Burgess (TX): Requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to establish a pilot program in 9 states to determine whether specific items being purchased with supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits can be collected using existing reporting requirements and whether such reporting requirements can be improved. (10 minutes)

4. Rogers (AL): Amends the Nutrition title to allow SNAP users to purchase a multivitamin with their SNAP benefits. (10 minutes)

5. Bergman (MI): Directs GAO to study the agricultural credit needs of farms, ranches, and related agricultural businesses that are owned or operated by Indian tribes on tribal lands or enrolled members of Indian tribes on Indian allotments. If needs are not being met, report shall include legislative and other recommenda-

tions that would result in a system under which the needs are met in an equitable and effective manner. (10 minutes)

6. Arrington (TX): Modifies the Community Facilities Direct Loan and Guarantee Loan Program and the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program to permit rural hospitals to refinance existing debt. (10 minutes)

7. Jones (NC): Removes the first 1,500 individuals residing on military bases from calculation into population thresholds set for 'rural areas.' (10 minutes)

8. Latta (OH), Loeb sack (IA): Requires the Federal Communications Commission, in consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture, to establish a task force for reviewing the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture in the United States. (10 minutes)

9. Thompson, Glenn (PA): Adds Chronic Wasting Disease to Sec. 7208, High-Priority Research and Extension Initiatives. (10 minutes)

10. Herrera-Beutler (WA), Westerman (AR): Directs the payment of a portion of stewardship project revenues to the county in which the stewardship project occurs. (10 minutes)

11. Gosar (AZ), Gianforte (MT), Stewart (UT): Authorizes counties to be included in Good Neighbor Authority cooperative agreements and contracts in order to improve forest health and bolster watershed restoration. (10 minutes)

12. Gianforte (MT): Authorizes expedited salvage operations for areas burned by wildfire to salvage dead trees and reforest to prevent re-burn, provide for the utilization of burned trees, or to provide a funding source for reforestation. Requires a two month environmental assessment for reforestation activities and at least 75% of the burned area be reforested. (10 minutes)

13. Westerman (AR), Bishop, Rob (UT), Gosar (AZ): Requires the Forest Service to consider long-term health of our nation's forests when developing collaborative management plans, and shields agency decision making from certain injunctions on sustainable forest management. (10 minutes)

14. Young, Don (AK): Exempts all National Forests in Alaska from the U.S. Forest Service Roadless Rule (10 minutes)

15. Pearce (NM): Allows the Village of Santa Clara to purchase land from the United States Forest Service that was formerly part of Fort Bayard Military Reservation. (10 minutes)

16. LaMalfa (CA), Gosar (AZ), Smith, Jason (MO), Pearce (NM): Streamlines the Forest Service application process required to construct broadband infrastructure on federal land. (10 minutes)

17. Westerman (AR): Instructs the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior to provide Congress a yearly report tabulating the metrics surrounding wildfire prevention, including the number of acres treated and agency response time. (10 minutes)

18. Pearce (NM): Reauthorizes the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program for another 10 years. (10 minutes)

19. Tipton (CO), Gosar (AZ): Authorizes the U.S. Forest Service to convey 3.61 acres of Forest Service Land to Dolores County, Colorado for the strict purpose of building a fire station. (10 minutes)

20. Thornberry (TX): Establishes Cattle and Carcass Grading Correlation and Training Centers to limit subjectivity and increase the accuracy of grading cattle across the country. (10 minutes)

PART A—TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5698 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODLATTE OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 3, beginning on line 13, strike “knowingly causes serious bodily injury to a law enforcement officer” and insert “knowingly assaults a law enforcement officer causing serious bodily injury”.

Beginning on page 5, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 6, line 8, and insert the following:

“(1) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.—The term ‘law enforcement officer’ means an employee of a governmental or public agency who is authorized by law—

“(A) to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or the investigation of any criminal violation of law; or

“(B) to engage in or supervise the detention or the incarceration of any person for any criminal violation of law.”.

PART B—TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO S. 2372 CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

Page 3, strike lines 4 through 7 and insert the following:

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018” or the “VA MISSION Act of 2018”.

Page 41, line 13, strike “related” and insert “relating”.

Page 53, line 9, strike “related” and insert “relating”.

Page 60, line 8, strike “related” and insert “relating”.

Page 66, line 21, strike “related” and insert “relating”.

Page 74, line 15, strike “related” and insert “relating”.

Page 78, line 21, add a period at the end.

Page 97, line 12, strike “1703” and insert “603”.

Page 106, strike line 14 and all that follows through page 109, line 13, and insert the following:

“(f) WAIVER OF AUTHORITIES.—(1) Subject to reporting under paragraph (2) and approval under paragraph (3), in implementing a pilot program under this section, the Secretary may waive such requirements in subchapters I, II, and III of this chapter as the Secretary determines necessary solely for the purposes of carrying out this section with respect to testing models described in subsection (a).

“(2) Before waiving any authority under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, and each standing committee with jurisdiction under the rules of the Senate and of the House of Representatives to report a bill to amend the provision or provisions of law that would be waived by the Depart-

ment, a report on a request for waiver that describes in detail the following:

“(A) The specific authorities to be waived under the pilot program.

“(B) The standard or standards to be used in the pilot program in lieu of the waived authorities.

“(C) The reasons for such waiver or waivers.

“(D) A description of the metric or metrics the Secretary will use to determine the effect of the waiver or waivers upon the access to and quality, timeliness, or patient satisfaction of care and services furnished through the pilot program.

“(E) The anticipated cost savings, if any, of the pilot program.

“(F) The schedule for interim reports on the pilot program describing the results of the pilot program so far and the feasibility and advisability of continuing the pilot program.

“(G) The schedule for the termination of the pilot program and the submission of a final report on the pilot program describing the result of the pilot program and the feasibility and advisability of making the pilot program permanent.

“(H) The estimated budget of the pilot program.

“(3)(A) Upon receipt of a report submitted under paragraph (2), each House of Congress shall provide copies of the report to the chairman and ranking member of each standing committee with jurisdiction under the rules of the House of Representatives or the Senate to report a bill to amend the provision or provisions of law that would be waived by the Department under this subsection.

“(B) The waiver requested by the Secretary under paragraph (2) shall be considered approved under this paragraph if there is enacted into law a joint resolution approving such request in its entirety.

“(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘joint resolution’ means only a joint resolution which is introduced within the period of five legislative days beginning on the date on which the Secretary transmits the report to the Congress under such paragraph (2), and—

“(i) which does not have a preamble; and

“(ii) the matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows: ‘that Congress approves the request for a waiver under section 1703E(f) of title 38, United States Code, as submitted by the Secretary on \_\_\_\_\_’, the blank space being filled with the appropriate date.

“(D)(i) Any committee of the House of Representatives to which a joint resolution is referred shall report it to the House without amendment not later than 15 legislative days after the date of introduction thereof. If a committee fails to report the joint resolution within that period, the committee shall be discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution.

“(ii) It shall be in order at any time after the third legislative day after each committee authorized to consider a joint resolution has reported or has been discharged from consideration of a joint resolution, to move to proceed to consider the joint resolution in the House. All points of order against the motion are waived. Such a motion shall not be in order after the House has disposed of a motion to proceed on a joint resolution addressing a particular sub-

mission. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion. The motion shall not be debatable. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is disposed of shall not be in order.

“(iii) The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to its passage without intervening motion except two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. A motion to reconsider the vote on passage of the joint resolution shall not be in order.

“(E)(i) A joint resolution introduced in the Senate shall be referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

“(ii) Any committee of the Senate to which a joint resolution is referred shall report it to the Senate without amendment not later than 15 session days after the date of introduction of a joint resolution described in paragraph (C). If a committee fails to report the joint resolution within that period, the committee shall be discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution and the joint resolution shall be placed on the calendar.

“(iii)(I) Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time after the third session day on which the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs has reported or has been discharged from consideration of a joint resolution described in paragraph (C) (even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution, and all points of order against the joint resolution (and against consideration of the joint resolution) are waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable. The motion is not subject to a motion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution is agreed to, the joint resolution shall remain the unfinished business until disposed of.

“(II) Consideration of the joint resolution, and on all debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than two hours, which shall be divided equally between the majority and minority leaders or their designees. A motion further to limit debate is in order and not debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consideration of other business, or a motion to recommit the joint resolution is not in order.

“(III) If the Senate has voted to proceed to a joint resolution, the vote on passage of the joint resolution shall occur immediately following the conclusion of consideration of the joint resolution, and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if requested in accordance with the rules of the Senate.

“(IV) Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of the rules of the Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure relating to a joint resolution shall be decided without debate.

“(F) A joint resolution considered pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to amendment in either the House of Representatives or the Senate.



“(G)(i) If, before the passage by one House of the joint resolution of that House, that House receives the joint resolution from the other House, then the following procedures shall apply:

“(I) The joint resolution of the other House shall not be referred to a committee.

“(II) With respect to the joint resolution of the House receiving the joint resolution—

“(aa) the procedure in that House shall be the same as if no joint resolution had been received from the other House; but

“(bb) the vote on passage shall be on the joint resolution of the other House.

“(ii) If the Senate fails to introduce or consider a joint resolution under this paragraph, the joint resolution of the House shall be entitled to expedited floor procedures under this subparagraph.

“(iii) If, following passage of the joint resolution in the Senate, the Senate then receives the companion measure from the House of Representatives, the companion measure shall not be debatable.

“(H) This subparagraph is enacted by Congress—

“(i) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules of each House, respectively, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in that House in the case of a joint resolution, and it supersedes other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

“(ii) with full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of that House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of that House.”.

Page 165, line 4, strike “section 204(b)” and insert “this subtitle”.  
Page 169, strike line 19 and all that follows through page 170, line 4, and insert the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If, before the passage by one House of the joint resolution of that House, that House receives the joint resolution from the other House, then the following procedures shall apply:

“(A) The joint resolution of the other House shall not be referred to a committee.

“(B) With respect to the joint resolution of the House receiving the joint resolution—

“(i) the procedure in that House shall be the same as if no joint resolution had been received from the other House; but

“(ii) the vote on passage shall be on the joint resolution of the other House.”.

Page 191, line 18, strike “amount” and insert “amount,”.

Page 193, in the matter following line 2, strike “Sec.” before the item relating to section 7691.

Page 215, line 17, strike the comma.

Page 229, after line 6, add the following new section:

**SEC. 512. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

(a) **STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARDS.**—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(b) **SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

**PART C—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2 MADE IN ORDER****1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KING OF IOWA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Page 134, line 7, strike “or”.

Page 134, after line 7, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent subparagraph accordingly):

“(C) the use of existing drainage systems, or to upgrade drainage systems, to provide irrigation or water efficiency;

or

Page 134, line 14, insert “DRAINAGE DISTRICTS,” after “IRRIGATION ASSOCIATIONS,”.

Page 134, line 18, insert “drainage district,” after “irrigation association,”.

Page 135, lines 5 and 6, insert “drainage district,” after “irrigation association,”.

**2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GIBBS OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following:

**SEC. 2407. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INCREASED WATERSHED-BASED COLLABORATION.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should recognize and encourage partnerships at the watershed level between nonpoint sources and regulated point sources to advance the goals of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and provide benefits to farmers, landowners, and the public.

**3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARINO OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE REPORTING.**

The Comptroller General of the United States shall carry out a pilot program in 9 States to determine whether data on specific items purchased with supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits can be collected using existing reporting requirements and whether such reporting requirements may be improved. In carrying out the pilot program, the Comptroller General of the United States shall use the data required to be reported for the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.).

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROGERS OF ALABAMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title IV, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . MULTIVITAMIN-MINERAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE WITH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.**

Section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012) is amended—

(1) in subsection (k) by—

(A) striking “and (9)” and inserting “(9)”, and

(B) inserting before the period at the end the following:

“, and (10) a multivitamin-mineral dietary supplement for home consumption”;

(2) by inserting after subsection (m) the following:

“(m–1) ‘Multivitamin-mineral dietary supplement’ means a substance that—

“(1) provides at least half of the vitamins and minerals for which the National Academy of Medicine establishes dietary reference intakes, at 50 percent or more of the daily value for the intended life stage per daily serving as determined by the Food and Drug Administration; and

“(2) does not exceed the tolerable upper intake levels for those nutrients for which an established tolerable upper intake level is determined by the National Academy of Medicine.”;

(3) in subsection (q)(2) by striking “and spices” and inserting “spices, and multivitamin-mineral dietary supplements”.

5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BERGMAN OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 326, after line 6, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GAO REPORT ON ABILITY OF THE FARM CREDIT SYSTEM TO MEET THE AGRICULTURAL CREDIT NEEDS OF INDIAN TRIBES AND THEIR MEMBERS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) study the agricultural credit needs of farms, ranches, and related agricultural businesses that are owned or operated by—

(A) Indian tribes on tribal lands; or

(B) enrolled members of Indian tribes on Indian allotments; and

(2) determine whether the institutions of the Farm Credit System have sufficient authority and resources to meet the needs.

(b) DEFINITION OF INDIAN TRIBE.—In subsection (a), the term “Indian tribe” means an Indian tribal entity that is eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs by virtue of the status of the entity as an Indian tribe.

(c) REPORT TO THE CONGRESS.—Within 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall prepare and submit to the Committees on Agriculture and on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a writ-

ten report that contains the findings of the study conducted under subsection (a). If the Comptroller General finds that the institutions of the Farm Credit System do not have sufficient authority or resources to meet the needs referred to in subsection (a), the report shall include such legislative and other recommendations as the Comptroller General determines would result in a system under which the needs are met in an equitable and effective manner.

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6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ARRINGTON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 337, after line 18, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REFINANCING OF CERTAIN RURAL HOSPITAL DEBT.**

Subtitle D of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1981 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 341 the following:

**"SEC. 342. REFINANCING OF CERTAIN RURAL HOSPITAL DEBT.**

"Assistance under section 306(a) for a community facility or under section 310B may include the refinancing of a debt obligation of a rural hospital as an eligible loan or loan guarantee purpose if the assistance would help preserve access to a health service in a rural community and meaningfully improve the financial position of the hospital."

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7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 387, after line 24, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . LIMITED EXCLUSION OF MILITARY BASE RESIDENTS FROM DEFINITION OF RURAL AREA.**

(a) PROGRAMS UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED FARM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT.—Section 343(a)(13) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)), as amended by section 6218 of this Act, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "(H)" and inserting "(I)"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(I) LIMITED EXCLUSION OF MILITARY BASE POPULATIONS.—The first 1,500 individuals who reside in housing located on a military base shall not be included in determining whether an area is 'rural' or a 'rural area'."

(b) RURAL BROADBAND LOANS AND GUARANTEE PROGRAM.—Section 601(b)(3) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(C) EXCLUSION OF MILITARY BASE POPULATIONS.—The first 1,500 individuals who reside in housing located on a military base shall not be included in determining whether an area is a 'rural area'."

(c) DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE LOANS AND GRANTS.—Section 2332 of the Food Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 950aaa-1) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(4) RURAL AREA.—The term ‘rural area’ has the meaning given the term in section 601(b)(3) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.”.

8. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LATTA OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 397, after line 12, insert the following:

## **Subtitle I—Precision Agriculture Connectivity**

**SEC. 6801. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

(1) Precision agriculture technologies and practices allow farmers to significantly increase crop yields, eliminate overlap in operations, and reduce inputs such as seed, fertilizer, pesticides, water, and fuel.

(2) These technologies allow farmers to collect data in real time about their fields, automate field management, and maximize resources.

(3) Studies estimate that precision agriculture technologies can reduce agricultural operation costs by up to 25 dollars per acre and increase farm yields by up to 70 percent by 2050.

(4) The critical cost savings and productivity benefits of precision agriculture cannot be realized without the availability of reliable broadband Internet access service delivered to the agricultural land of the United States.

(5) The deployment of broadband Internet access service to unserved and underserved agricultural land is critical to the United States economy and to the continued leadership of the United States in global food production.

(6) Despite the growing demand for broadband Internet access service on agricultural land, broadband Internet access service is not consistently available where needed for agricultural operations.

(7) The Federal Communications Commission has an important role to play in the deployment of broadband Internet access service on unserved and underserved agricultural land to promote precision agriculture.

**SEC. 6802. TASK FORCE FOR REVIEWING THE CONNECTIVITY AND TECHNOLOGY NEEDS OF PRECISION AGRICULTURE.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “broadband Internet access service” has the meaning given the term in section 8.2 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation;

(2) the term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission;

(3) the term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture; and

(4) the term “Task Force” means the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States established under subsection (b).

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall establish the Task Force for Reviewing the Connectivity and Technology Needs of Precision Agriculture in the United States.

(c) DUTIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall consult with the Secretary, or a designee of the Secretary, and collaborate with public and private stakeholders in the agriculture and technology fields to—

(A) identify and measure current gaps in the availability of broadband Internet access service on agricultural land;

(B) develop policy recommendations to promote the rapid, expanded deployment of broadband Internet access service on unserved agricultural land, with a goal of achieving reliable capabilities on 95 percent of agricultural land in the United States by 2025;

(C) promote effective policy and regulatory solutions that encourage the adoption of broadband Internet access service on farms and ranches and promote precision agriculture;

(D) recommend specific new rules or amendments to existing rules of the Commission that the Commission should issue to achieve the goals and purposes of the policy recommendations described in subparagraph (B);

(E) recommend specific steps that the Commission should take to obtain reliable and standardized data measurements of the availability of broadband Internet access service as may be necessary to target funding support, from existing or future programs of the Commission dedicated to the deployment of broadband Internet access service, to unserved agricultural land in need of broadband Internet access service; and

(F) recommend specific steps that the Commission should consider to ensure that the expertise of the Secretary and available farm data are reflected in existing or future programs of the Commission dedicated to the infrastructure deployment of broadband Internet access service and to direct available funding to unserved agricultural land where needed.

(2) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary, or a designee of the Secretary, shall explain and make available to the Task Force the expertise, data mapping information, and resources of the Department that the Department uses to identify cropland, rangeland, and other areas with agricultural operations that may be helpful in developing the recommendations required under paragraph (1).

(3) LIST OF AVAILABLE FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Commission shall jointly submit to the Task Force a list of all Federal programs or resources available for the expansion of broadband Internet access service on unserved agricultural land to assist the Task Force in carrying out the duties of the Task Force.

(d) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall be—

- (A) composed of not more than 15 voting members who shall—
- (i) be selected by the Chairman of the Commission, in consultation with the Secretary; and
  - (ii) include—
    - (I) agricultural producers representing diverse geographic regions and farm sizes, including owners and operators of farms of less than 100 acres;
    - (II) Internet service providers, including regional or rural fixed and mobile broadband Internet access service providers and telecommunications infrastructure providers;
    - (III) representatives from the electric cooperative industry;
    - (IV) representatives from the satellite industry;
    - (V) representatives from precision agriculture equipment manufacturers, including drone manufacturers, manufacturers of autonomous agricultural machinery, and manufacturers of farming robotics technologies; and
    - (VI) representatives from State and local governments; and
- (B) fairly balanced in terms of technologies, points of view, and fields represented on the Task Force.
- (2) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—A member of the Committee appointed under paragraph (1)(A) shall serve for a single term of 2 years.
  - (B) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Task Force—
    - (i) shall not affect the powers of the Task Force; and
    - (ii) shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (3) EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.—The Secretary, or a designee of the Secretary, shall serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Task Force.
- (e) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Commission establishes the Task Force, and annually thereafter, the Task Force shall submit to the Chairman of the Commission a report, which shall be made public not later than 30 days after the date on which the Chairman receives the report, that details—
- (1) the status of fixed and mobile broadband Internet access service coverage of agricultural land;
  - (2) the projected future connectivity needs of agricultural operations, farmers, and ranchers; and
  - (3) the steps being taken to accurately measure the availability of broadband Internet access service on agricultural land and the limitations of current, as of the date of the report, measurement processes.
- (f) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall renew the Task Force every 2 years until the Task Force terminates on January 1, 2025.

9. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 429, after line 4, insert the following:

“(16) CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE.—Research and extension grants may be made under this section for projects relating to treating, mitigating, or eliminating chronic wasting disease.”.  
Page 429, line 5, strike “(16)” and insert “(17)”.

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10. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA BEUTLER OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 487, after line 4, insert the following:

(d) STEWARDSHIP PROJECT RECEIPTS.—Section 604(e) of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591c(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “subject to paragraph (3)(A),” before “shall”; and

(2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “services received by the Chief or the Director” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: “services and in-kind resources received by the Chief or the Director under a stewardship contract project conducted under this section shall not be considered monies received from the National Forest System or the public lands, but any payments made by the contractor to the Chief or Director under the project shall be considered monies received from the National Forest System or the public lands.”.

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11. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSAR OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Strike section 8331 and insert the following new section:

**SEC. 8331. GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENTS.**

Section 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “Secretary or a Governor” and inserting “Secretary, Governor, county, or Indian Tribe”;

(B) in paragraph (4) by striking “Secretary and a Governor” and inserting “Secretary and a Governor, county, or an Indian Tribe”;

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(10) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)).

“(11) COUNTY.— The term ‘county’ has the meaning given the term in section 2 of title 1, United States Code.”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “, county, or an Indian Tribe” after “Governor”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “, county, or an Indian Tribe” after “Governor”.

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12. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GIANFORTE OF MONTANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of part III of subtitle C of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 83 \_\_\_\_ . SALVAGE AND REFORESTATION IN RESPONSE TO CATASTROPHIC EVENTS.**

(a) EXPEDITED SALVAGE OPERATIONS AND REFORESTATION ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING LARGE-SCALE CATASTROPHIC EVENTS.—

(1) EXPEDITED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an environmental assessment prepared by the Secretary concerned pursuant to section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) for a salvage operation or reforestation activity proposed to be conducted on National Forest System lands or public lands adversely impacted by a large-scale catastrophic event shall be completed within 60 days after the conclusion of the catastrophic event.

(2) EXPEDITED IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLETION.—In the case of reforestation activities conducted on National Forest System lands or public lands adversely impacted by a large-scale catastrophic event, the Secretary concerned shall, to the maximum extent practicable, achieve reforestation of at least 75 percent of the impacted lands during the 5-year period following the conclusion of the catastrophic event.

(3) AVAILABILITY OF KNUTSON-VANDENBERG FUNDS.—Amounts in the special fund established pursuant to section 3 of the Act of June 9, 1930 (commonly known as the Knutson-Vandenberg Act; 16 U.S.C. 576b) shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture for reforestation activities authorized by this section.

(4) TIMELINE FOR PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of a salvage operation or reforestation activity proposed to be conducted on National Forest System lands or public lands adversely impacted by a large-scale catastrophic event, the Secretary concerned shall allow 30 days for public scoping and comment, 15 days for filing an objection, and 15 days for the agency response to the filing of an objection. Upon completion of this process and expiration of the period specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall implement the project immediately.

(b) COMPLIANCE WITH FOREST PLAN.—A salvage operation or reforestation activity authorized by this section shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the forest plan applicable to the National Forest System lands or public lands covered by the salvage operation or reforestation activity.

(c) PROHIBITION ON RESTRAINING ORDERS, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIONS, AND INJUNCTIONS PENDING APPEAL.—No restraining order, preliminary injunction, or injunction pending appeal shall be issued by any court of the United States with respect to any decision to prepare or conduct a salvage operation or reforestation activity in response to a large-scale catastrophic event. Section 705

of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to any challenge to the salvage operation or reforestation activity.

13. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of part III of subtitle C of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8334. ANALYSIS OF ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES (ACTION VERSUS NO ACTION) IN PROPOSED COLLABORATIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.**

(a) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS.—This section shall apply whenever the Secretary concerned prepares an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement pursuant to section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332) for a forest management activity that—

- (1) is developed through a collaborative process;
- (2) is proposed by a resource advisory committee;
- (3) will occur on lands identified by the Secretary concerned as suitable for timber production;
- (4) will occur on lands designated by the Secretary (or designee thereof) pursuant to section 602(b) of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6591a(b)), notwithstanding whether such forest management activity is initiated prior to September 30, 2018; or
- (5) is covered by a community wildfire protection plan.

(b) CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES.—In an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement described in subsection (a), the Secretary concerned shall study, develop, and describe only the following two alternatives:

- (1) The forest management activity.
- (2) The alternative of no action.

(c) ELEMENTS OF NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE.—In the case of the alternative of no action, the Secretary concerned shall consider whether to evaluate—

- (1) the effect of no action on—
  - (A) forest health;
  - (B) habitat diversity;
  - (C) wildfire potential;
  - (D) insect and disease potential; and
  - (E) timber production; and
- (2) the implications of a resulting decline in forest health, loss of habitat diversity, wildfire, or insect or disease infestation, given fire and insect and disease historic cycles, on—
  - (A) domestic water supply in the project area;
  - (B) wildlife habitat loss; and
  - (C) other economic and social factors.

**SEC. 8335. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.**

(a) BALANCING SHORT- AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN CONSIDERING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—As part of its weighing the equities while considering any request for an injunction that applies to any agency action as part of a forest

management activity the court reviewing the agency action shall balance the impact to the ecosystem likely affected by the forest management activity of—

(1) the short- and long-term effects of undertaking the agency action; against

(2) the short- and long-term effects of not undertaking the action.

(b) **TIME LIMITATIONS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Subject to paragraph (2) the length of any preliminary injunctive relief and stays pending appeal that applies to any agency action as part of a forest management activity, shall not exceed 60 days.

(2) **RENEWAL.—**

(A) **IN GENERAL.—**A court of competent jurisdiction may issue one or more renewals of any preliminary injunction, or stay pending appeal, granted under paragraph (1).

(B) **UPDATES.—**In each renewal of an injunction in an action, the parties to the action shall present the court with updated information on the status of the authorized forest management activity.

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14. **AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG OF ALASKA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of part III of subtitle C of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 83 . APPLICATION OF ROADLESS AREA CONSERVATION RULE.**

The roadless area conservation rule established under part 294 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations), shall not apply to any National Forest System land in the State of Alaska.

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15. **AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARCE OF NEW MEXICO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

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

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE OF SANTA CLARA, NEW MEXICO.**

(a) **CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—**Subject to the provisions of this section, if the Village of Santa Clara, New Mexico, submits to the Secretary a written request for conveyance, the Secretary shall convey to the Village of Santa Clara all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to approximately 1,520 acres of National Forest System land, as generally depicted on the map.

(b) **MAP.—**

(1) **AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—**The map shall be kept on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate office of the Forest Service.

(2) **CORRECTION OF ERRORS.—**The Secretary may correct minor errors in the map.

(c) **CONSIDERATION.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.—**As consideration for the conveyance of land under subsection (a), the Village of Santa Clara shall pay to

the Secretary an amount equal to the market value of the land, as determined by the appraisal under subsection (g).

(2) **INSTALLMENTS.**—The amount described in paragraph (1) may be paid in periodic installments to the Secretary.

(3) **PARCEL CONVEYANCES.**—Upon receipt of an installment pursuant to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall convey to the Village of Santa Clara all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of the land described subsection (a) that is equal in value to such installment and identified by the Village of Santa Clara at the time such installment is paid.

(d) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The conveyance under subsection (a) shall be—

- (1) subject to valid existing rights;
- (2) made by quitclaim deed;
- (3) subject to the reservation by the Secretary of an access easement over and across Fort Bayard Road; and
- (4) subject to any other terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(e) **COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.**—As a condition for the conveyance under subsection (a) and in addition to the consideration paid under subsection (c), the Village of Santa Clara shall pay for all costs associated with the conveyance, including for—

- (1) the land survey under subsection (f);
- (2) any environmental analysis and resource surveys determined necessary by Federal law; and
- (3) the appraisal under subsection (g).

(f) **SURVEY.**—The actual acreage and legal description of the National Forest System land to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary; notwithstanding section 7 of title 43, United States Code, the Secretary is authorized to perform and approve any required cadastral surveys.

(g) **APPRAISAL.**—The Secretary shall complete an appraisal of the land to be conveyed under subsection (a) in accordance with—

- (1) the “Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions”; and
- (2) the “Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice”.

(h) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service.

(2) **MAP.**—The term “map” means the map entitled “Village of Santa Clara Conveyance Act 2018” and dated February 21, 2018.

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16. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMALFA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 8506. STREAMLINING THE FOREST SERVICE PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY LOCATION APPLICATIONS.**

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.**—The term “communications facility” includes—

(A) any infrastructure, including any transmitting device, tower, or support structure, and any equipment, switches, wiring, cabling, power sources, shelters, or cabinets, associated with the licensed or permitted unlicensed wireless or wireline transmission of writings, signs, signals, data, images, pictures, and sounds of all kinds; and

(B) any antenna or apparatus that—

(i) is designed for the purpose of emitting radio frequency;

(ii) is designed to be operated, or is operating, from a fixed location pursuant to authorization by the Federal Communications Commission or is using duly authorized devices that do not require individual licenses; and

(iii) is added to a tower, building, or other structure.

(2) **COMMUNICATIONS SITE.**—The term “communications site” means an area of covered land designated for communications uses.

(3) **COMMUNICATIONS USE.**—The term “communications use” means the placement and operation of communications facility.

(4) **COMMUNICATIONS USE AUTHORIZATION.**—The term “communications use authorization” means an easement, right-of-way, lease, license, or other authorization to locate or modify a communications facility on covered land by the Forest Service for the primary purpose of authorizing the occupancy and use of the covered land for communications use.

(5) **COVERED LAND.**—The term “covered land” means National Forest System land.

(6) **FOREST SERVICE.**—The term “Forest Service” means the United States Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture.

(7) **ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT.**—The term “organizational unit” means, within the Forest Service—

(A) a regional office;

(B) the headquarters;

(C) a management unit; or

(C) a ranger district office.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—Notwithstanding section 6409 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455) or section 606 of the Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–141), not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue regulations—

(1) to streamline the process for considering applications to locate or modify communications facilities on covered land;

(2) to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the process is uniform and standardized across the organizational units of the Forest Service; and

(3) to require that the applications described in paragraph (1) be considered and granted on a competitively neutral, technology neutral, and non-discriminatory basis.

(c) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The regulations issued under subsection (b) shall include the following:

- (1) Procedures for the tracking of applications described in subsection (b)(1), including—
- (A) identifying the number of applications—
    - (i) received;
    - (ii) approved; and
    - (iii) denied;
  - (B) in the case of an application that is denied, describing the reasons for the denial; and
  - (C) describing the amount of time between the receipt of an application and the issuance of a final decision on an application.
- (2) Provision for minimum lease terms of not less than 15 years for leases with respect to the location of communications facilities on covered land.
- (3) A policy under which a communications use authorization renews automatically on expiration, unless the communications use authorization is revoked for good cause.
- (4) A structure of fees for—
- (A) submitting an application described in subsection (b)(1), based on the cost to the Forest Service of considering such an application; and
  - (B) issuing communications use authorizations, based on the cost to the Forest Service of any maintenance or other activities required to be performed by the Forest Service as a result of the location or modification of the communications facility.
- (5) Provision that if the Forest Service does not grant or deny an application under subparagraph (A) by the deadline established in section 6409 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act as amended by the Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act of 2018 (47 U.S.C. 1455(b)(3)(A)), the Forest Service shall be deemed to have granted the application.
- (6) Provision for prioritization or streamlining the consideration of applications to locate or modify communications facilities on covered land in a previously disturbed right-of-way.
- (d) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—In issuing regulations under subsection (b), the Secretary shall consider—
- (1) how discrete reviews in considering an application described in subsection (b)(1) can be conducted simultaneously, rather than sequentially, by any organizational units of the Forest Service that must approve the location or modification; and
  - (2) how to eliminate overlapping requirements among the organizational units of the Forest Service with respect to the location or modification of a communications facility on covered land administered by those organizational units.
- (e) COMMUNICATION OF STREAMLINED PROCESS TO ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS.—The Secretary shall, with respect to the regulations issued under subsection (b)—
- (1) communicate the regulations to the organizational units of the Forest Service; and
  - (2) ensure that the organizational units of the Forest Service follow the regulations.
- (f) DEPOSIT AND AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—

(1) SPECIAL ACCOUNT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a special account in the Treasury for the Forest Service for the deposit of fees collected by the Forest Service under subsection (c)(4) for communications use authorizations on covered land granted, issued, or executed by the Forest Service.

(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR FEES COLLECTED.—Fees collected by the Forest Service under subsection (c)(4) shall be—

(A) based on the costs described in subsection (c)(4); and

(B) competitively neutral, technology neutral, and non-discriminatory with respect to other users of the communications site.

(3) DEPOSIT OF FEES.—Fees collected by the Forest Service under subsection (c)(4) shall be deposited in the special account established for the Forest Service under paragraph (1).

(4) AVAILABILITY OF FEES.—Amounts deposited in the special account for the Forest Service shall be available, to the extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts, to the Secretary to cover costs incurred by the Forest Service described in subsection (c)(4), including the following:

(A) Preparing needs assessments or other programmatic analyses necessary to designate communications sites and issue communications use authorizations.

(B) Developing management plans for communications sites.

(C) Training for management of communications sites.

(D) Obtaining or improving access to communications sites.

(5) NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED.—Except as provided in paragraph (4), no other amounts are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section.

(g) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

(1) REAL PROPERTY AUTHORITIES.—Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, shall be construed as providing any executive agency with any new leasing or other real property authorities not existing prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, and no actions taken pursuant to this section, or the amendments made by this section, shall impact a decision or determination by any executive agency to sell, dispose of, declare excess or surplus, lease, reuse, or redevelop any Federal real property pursuant to title 40, United States Code, the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–387), or any other law governing real property activities of the Federal Government. No agreement entered into pursuant to this section, or the amendments made by this section, may obligate the Federal Government to hold, control, or otherwise retain or use real property that may otherwise be deemed as excess, surplus, or that could otherwise be sold, leased or redeveloped.

17. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 85 . REPORT ON WILDFIRE, INSECT INFESTATION, AND DISEASE PREVENTION ON FEDERAL LAND.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and every year thereafter, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Interior shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a jointly written report on—

- (1) the number of acres of Federal land treated by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior for wildfire, insect infestation, or disease prevention;
- (2) the number of acres of Federal land categorized as a high or extreme fire risk;
- (3) the total timber production from Federal land;
- (4) the number of acres and average fire intensity of wildfires affecting Federal land treated for wildfire, insect infestation, or disease prevention;
- (5) the number of acres and average fire intensity of wildfires affecting Federal land not treated for wildfire, insect infestation, or disease prevention; and
- (6) the Federal response time for each fire on greater than 25,000 acres.

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18. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARCE OF NEW MEXICO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 8506. COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROGRAM.**

Section 4003 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (d)(1)(B), by inserting “, except the Secretary may waive, on a case-by-case basis, the 10-year period requirement under paragraph (1)(B) of such subsection” after “subsection (b)”; and
- (2) in subsection (f)—
  - (A) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking “proposal” and all that follows through “in excess” and inserting “proposal in excess”; and
  - (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “2019” and inserting “2023”.

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19. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TIPTON OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 538, after line 23, add the following new section:



**SEC. 8506. WEST FORK FIRE STATION.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Dolores County, Colorado.

(2) WEST FORK FIRE STATION CONVEYANCE PARCEL.—The term “West Fork Fire Station Conveyance Parcel” means the parcel of approximately 3.61 acres of National Forest System land in the County, as depicted on the map entitled “Map for West Fork Fire Station Conveyance Parcel” and dated November 21, 2017.

(b) CONVEYANCE OF WEST FORK FIRE STATION CONVEYANCE PARCEL, DOLORES COUNTY, COLORADO.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On receipt of a request from the County and subject to such terms and conditions as are mutually satisfactory to the Secretary and the County, including such additional terms as the Secretary determines to be necessary, the Secretary shall convey to the County without consideration all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the West Fork Fire Station Conveyance Parcel.

(2) COSTS.—Any costs relating to the conveyance under paragraph (1), including processing and transaction costs, shall be paid by the County.

(3) USE OF LAND.—The land conveyed to the County under paragraph (1) shall be used by the County only for a fire station, related infrastructure, and roads to facilitate access to and through the West Fork Fire Station Conveyance Parcel.

(4) REVERSION.—If any portion of the land conveyed under paragraph (1) is used in a manner that is inconsistent with the use described in paragraph (3), the land shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, revert to the United States.

20. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE THORNBERRY OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 601, after line 26, add the following new section:

**SEC. 11105. REGIONAL CATTLE AND CARCASS GRADING CORRELATION AND TRAINING CENTERS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish not more than three regional centers, to be known as “Cattle and Carcass Grading Correlation and Training Centers” (referred to in this section as the “Centers”), to provide education and training for cattle and carcass beef graders of the Agricultural Marketing Service, cattle producers, and other professionals involved in the reporting, delivery, and grading of feeder cattle, live cattle, and carcasses—

(1) to limit the subjectivity in the application of beef grading standards;

(2) to provide producers with greater confidence in the price of the producers’ cattle; and

(3) to provide investors with both long and short positions more assurance in the cattle delivery system.

(b) LOCATION.—The Centers shall be located near cattle feeding and slaughter populations and areas shall be strategically identified in order to capture regional variances in cattle production.

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—Each Center shall be organized and administered by offices of the Department of Agriculture in operation on

the date on which the respective Center is established, or in coordination with other appropriate Federal agencies or academic institutions.

(d) TRAINING PROGRAM.—The Centers shall offer intensive instructional programs involving classroom and field training work for individuals described in subsection (a).

(e) COORDINATION OF RESOURCES.—Each Center, in carrying out the functions of the Center, shall make use of information generated by the Department of Agriculture, the State agricultural extension and research stations, relevant designated contract markets, and the practical experience of area cattle producers, especially cattle producers cooperating in on-farm demonstrations, correlations, and research projects.

(f) PROHIBITION ON CONSTRUCTION.—Funds made available to carry out this section shall not be used for the construction of a new building or facility or the acquisition, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an existing building or facility (including site grading and improvement, and architect fees). Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Secretary may use funds made available to carry out this section to provide a Center with payment for the cost of the rental of a space determined to be necessary by the Center for conducting training under this section and may accept donations (including in-kind contributions) to cover such cost.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on October 1, 2018.

