

## EN BLOC AMENDMENT

Offered by Chairman Lucas

(page numbers refer to the copy of the Rules of the Committee from the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress at the Member's desks)

The Rules of the Committee on Agriculture for the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress are amended as follows:

(1) Rule II (a), "Regular Meetings", on page 3 line 3 after "to transact its business" strike "unless such day is a holiday, or Congress is in recess or is adjourned, in which case the Chairman shall determine the regular meeting day of the Committee if any, for that month" and insert "if notice is given pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of House Rule XI".

(2) Rule II(a), "Regular Meetings", page 3 line 8 after "Items may be placed on the agenda by the Chairman or a majority of the Committee" strike "If the Chairman believes that there will not be any bill, resolution or other matter considered before the full Committee and there is no other business to be transacted at a regular meeting, the meeting may be cancelled or it may be deferred until such time as, in the judgment of the Chairman, there may be matters which require the Committee's consideration."

(3) Rule V (c), "Records", page 10 line 19 after "subcommittee" strike "hearings," and after "records" insert "(including hearings," and after "files" insert ")".

(4) Rule VIII(b)(6), "The Reporting of Bills and Resolutions, Content of Reports", on page 19 line 18 after "described in" insert "House Rule XIII clause 3(c)(2) and".

(5) Rule VIII(b)(9), "The Reporting of Bills and Resolutions, Content of Reports", on page 20 line 9 strike and redesignate subsequent paragraphs.

(6) Rule VIII(b) “The Reporting of Bills and Resolutions, Content of Reports”, on page 21 line 15 at the end insert :

“(15) a statement indicating whether any provision of the measure establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal Government known to be duplicative of another Federal program. The Statement shall at a minimum explain whether –

“(A) any such program was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139; or

“(B) the most recent catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95-220, as amended by Public Law 98-169), identified other programs related to the program established or reauthorized by the measure”.

(7) Rule VIII(b) “The Reporting of Bills and Resolutions, Content of Reports”, on page 21 line 15 at the end insert:

“(16) a statement estimating the number of directed rule makings required by the measure.”

(8) Rule VIII(c) “The Reporting of Bills and Resolutions, Supplemental, Minority or Additional Views”, on page 21 line 18 after “additional views,” strike “that Member” and insert “all Members”.

(9) Rule VIII(c) “The Reporting of Bills and Resolutions, Supplemental, Minority or Additional Views, on page 21 line 20 after “in which to” strike “file such views, in writing and signed by that Member” and insert “file such writing and signed views”.

(10) Rule IX(i)(1), “Other Committee Activities”, on page 27 line 21 after “Not later than” strike “the 30<sup>th</sup> day after June 1 and December 1” and insert “January 2 of each year” and line 22 after “the House a” strike “semiannual” .

Page 28, line 2, after “the Chair may file the” strike “second or fourth semiannual”.

(11) Rule X (c), Subcommittees, strike page 29 lines 6 through page 30 line 8 insert:

**“General Farm Commodities and Risk Management (\_\_\_ members, \_\_\_ majority and \_\_\_ minority) - Program and markets related to cotton, cottonseed, wheat, feed grains, soybeans, oilseeds, rice, dry beans, peas, lentils, the Commodity Credit Corporation, risk management, including crop insurance, commodity exchanges, and specialty crops.**

**“Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit (\_\_\_ members, \_\_\_ majority and \_\_\_ minority) - Livestock, dairy, poultry, meat, seafood and seafood products, inspection, marketing, and promotion of such commodities, aquaculture, animal welfare and grazing, rural development, farm security and family farming matters, and agricultural credit.**

**“Department Operations, Oversight, and Nutrition (\_\_\_ members, \_\_\_ majority and \_\_\_ minority) - Agency oversight, review and analysis, special investigations, food stamps, nutrition and consumer programs.**

**“Conservation, Energy, and Forestry(\_\_\_\_ members, \_\_\_\_majority and \_\_\_\_minority) -**

Soil, water, and resource conservation, small watershed program, energy and biobased energy production, rural electrification, forestry in general and forest reserves other than those created in public domain.

**“Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture (\_\_\_\_members,**

**\_\_\_\_majority and\_\_\_\_ minority) -** Fruits and vegetables, honey and bees, marketing and promotion orders, plant pesticides, quarantine, adulteration of seeds and insect pests, and organic agriculture, research, education and extension, biotechnology and foreign agriculture assistance, and trade promotion programs, generally.”

(12) Rule XI(b)(2) “Committee Budget, Staff and Travel, Committee Staff”, on page 34 line 18 after “The Ranking Minority” strike “member” and insert “Member”.