

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO**

Page 592, after line 5, insert the following new section (and redesignate subsequent sections accordingly):

1 **SEC. 12103. PROHIBITION AGAINST UNLAWFUL RETALIA-**
2 **TION UNDER THE PACKERS AND STOCK-**
3 **YARDS ACT, 1921.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION AGAINST UNLAWFUL RETALIA-
5 TION.—Subtitle A of title II of the Packers and Stock-
6 yards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C. 191 et seq.) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 211. PROHIBITION AGAINST UNLAWFUL RETALIA-**
9 **TION.**

10 “(a) PROHIBITION.—No packer, swine contractor, or
11 live poultry dealer shall take retaliatory action in response
12 to any lawful spoken or written expression, association, or
13 action of a livestock producer, swine production contract
14 grower, or poultry grower.

15 “(b) TYPES OF LAWFUL EXPRESSION.—Lawful ex-
16 pression referred to in subsection (a) includes communica-
17 tion with officials of a Federal agency or Members of Con-
18 gress.”.

1 (b) DEFINITION OF RETALIATORY ACTION.—Section
2 2(a) of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C.
3 182(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(15) RETALIATORY ACTION.—The term ‘retal-
5 iatory action’ means coercion, intimidation, or any
6 other action carried out to achieve the disadvantage
7 of any livestock producer, swine production contract
8 grower, or poultry grower in the execution, termi-
9 nation, extension, or renewal of a contract involving
10 livestock or poultry.”.

11 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 411 of the
12 Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C. 228b–2) is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by
15 inserting “, section 211,” after “section 207”; and

16 (2) in subsection (b), in the first sentence, by
17 inserting “, section 211,” after “section 207”.

