

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 1947
OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Page 198, after line 10, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 2202. PAYMENTS FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES RE-
2 LATED TO ORGANIC PRODUCTION.

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1240A of the Food Secu-
4 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–1) is amended by
5 striking paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4)
6 through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (5), respectively.

7 (b) PAYMENTS.—Section 1240B(i) of the Food Secu-
8 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–2(i)) is amended—

9 (1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(2) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—As a condi-
12 tion for receiving payments under this subsection, a
13 producer shall agree to develop and implement con-
14 servation practices for certified organic production
15 that are consistent with the regulations promulgated
16 under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7
17 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.) and the purposes of this chap-
18 ter.”;

1 (2) by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating
2 paragraphs (4) and (5) as paragraphs (5) and (6),
3 respectively; and

4 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(3) COORDINATION WITH ORGANIC CERTIFI-
7 CATION.—The Secretary shall establish a trans-
8 parent means by which producers may initiate or-
9 ganic certification under the Organic Foods Produc-
10 tion Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.) while par-
11 ticipating in a contract under this chapter.

12 “(4) PLANNING.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
14 provide planning assistance to producers
15 transitioning to certified organic production
16 consistent with the requirements of the Organic
17 Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6501
18 et seq.) and the purposes of this chapter.

19 “(B) AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION.—The
20 Secretary shall, to the maximum extent prac-
21 ticable, eliminate duplication of planning activi-
22 ties for a producer participating in a contract
23 under this chapter and initiating or maintaining
24 organic certification consistent with the Organic

1 Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6501
2 et seq.)”.

