

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 390, after line 7, insert the following:

1 **SEC. _____ . DEFINITION OF RURAL AREA FOR PURPOSES**
2 **OF THE RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS ADMIN-**
3 **ISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.**
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5 Section 343(a)(13) of the Consolidated Farm and
6 Rural Development Act (42 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)) is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(H) RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS.—Not-
9 withstanding any other provision of law, for
10 purposes of all rural housing programs adminis-
11 tered by the Rural Housing Service, any area
12 classified as ‘rural’ or a ‘rural area’ prior to Oc-
13 tober 1, 1990, and determined not to be ‘rural’
14 or a ‘rural area’ as a result of data received
15 from or after the 1990, 2000, or 2010 decen-
16 nial census, and any area deemed to be a ‘rural
17 area’ for purposes of such programs under any
18 other provision of law at any time during the
19 period beginning January 1, 2000, and ending

1 December 31, 2010, shall continue to be so
2 classified until the receipt of data from the de-
3 cennial census in the year 2020, if such area
4 has a population in excess of 10,000 but not in
5 excess of 35,000, is rural in character, and has
6 a serious lack of mortgage credit for lower and
7 moderate-income families. The Secretary of Ag-
8 riculture may continue to classify such an area
9 to be ‘rural’ or a ‘rural area’ if the Secretary
10 determines that the area has a population in ex-
11 cess of 35,000, but not in excess of 50,000, is
12 rural in character, and has a serious lack of
13 mortgage credit for lower- and moderate-income
14 families or lack of affordable housing, or a sig-
15 nificant portion of the population of the area is
16 employed in agriculture.”.

