

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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OFFERED BY MR. PEARCE OF NEW MEXICO**

Page 93, after line 7, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 267. APPROVAL OF CERTAIN NEW USES OF RESEARCH,**
2 **DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**
3 **LAND.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, the Secretary of Defense, or the head of any
6 other department or agency of the Federal Government,
7 may not finalize any decision regarding new land use ac-
8 tivity on covered land unless the Secretary concerned ap-
9 proves such activity in writing.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “covered land” means ranges, test
12 areas, or other land in the contiguous United States
13 used by the Secretary of Defense for activities re-
14 lated to research, development, test, and evaluation
15 that the Secretary determines, for purposes of this
16 section, to be critical to national security.

17 (2) The term “new land use activity” means an
18 activity regarding the use of covered land that—

1 (A) as of the date of the enactment of this
2 Act, is not carried out on covered land; and

3 (B) is carried out by, or in cooperation
4 with, a department or agency of the Federal
5 Government other than the Department of De-
6 fense.

7 (3) The term “Secretary concerned” has the
8 meaning given that term in section 101(a)(9) of title
9 10, United States Code.

