

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse States for expenses taken for firefighting efforts in another State under a national fire response plan coordinated by the Forest Service.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. HEITKAMP

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, add the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 83____. REIMBURSEMENT OF FIRE FUNDS.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this section, the term

5 “State” means—

6 (1) a State; and

7 (2) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

8 (b) IN GENERAL.—If a State seeks reimbursement

9 for amounts expended for resources and services provided

10 to another State for the management and suppression of

1 a wildfire, the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to sub-
2 sections (c) and (d)—

3 (1) may accept the reimbursement amounts
4 from the other State; and

5 (2) shall pay those amounts to the State seek-
6 ing reimbursement.

7 (c) MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT.—As a condi-
8 tion of seeking and providing reimbursement under sub-
9 section (b), the State seeking reimbursement and the
10 State providing reimbursement must each have a mutual
11 assistance agreement with the Forest Service or another
12 Federal agency for providing and receiving wildfire man-
13 agement and suppression resources and services.

14 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of Ag-
15 riculture may prescribe the terms and conditions deter-
16 mined to be necessary to carry out subsection (b).

17 (e) EFFECT ON PRIOR REIMBURSEMENTS.—Any ac-
18 ceptance of funds or reimbursements made by the Sec-
19 retary of Agriculture before the date of enactment of this
20 Act that otherwise would have been authorized under this
21 section shall be considered to have been made in accord-
22 ance with this section.