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Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Schrader, McDermott, Lee, Lujan Grisham, and Ribble

Support Rural Counties and Schools

1. At the end of Title 7, add the following:

DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND FOR RURAL COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS.

In the House, the chair of the Committee on the Budget may revise the allocations, aggregates, and other appropriate levels and limits in this resolution for the budgetary effects of any bill or joint resolution, or amendment thereto or conference report thereon, that makes changes to or provides for the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) by the amounts provided by that legislation for those purposes, if such legislation requires sustained yield timber harvests obviating the need for funding under P.L. 106-393 in the future and would not increase the deficit or direct spending for fiscal year 2014, the period of fiscal years 2014 through 2018, or the period of fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

2. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

This resolution assumes legislation assumes the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) is extended in order to provide the federal government, local counties, and industry the time necessary to enact, implement, and begin performing sustained yield harvests of federal timber lands on which local counties are financially dependent. The plan assumed by this resolution is based on the best available science, provides for active forest management to improve the health of the resource, creates strong local family-wage job markets, and provides rural counties with fiscal independence from federal payments owed to them because of a lack of timber harvests on federal lands.