

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 471) TO EXPEDITE UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969 AND IMPROVE FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS, ON PUBLIC LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND ON TRIBAL LANDS TO RETURN RESILIENCE TO OVERGROWN, FIRE-PRONE FORESTED LANDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (S. 5) TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO TAKE INTO CUSTODY ALIENS WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE UNITED STATES WITH THEFT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JANUARY 21, 2025.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 53]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 53, by a record vote of 9 to 3, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 471, the Fix Our Forests Act, under a structured rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The resolution makes in order only those amendments printed in the report. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in the report are waived. The resolution provides for one motion to recommit. The resolution further provides for consideration of S. 5, the Laken Riley Act, under a closed rule. The resolution waives all points of order

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EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of H.R. 471, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

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The waiver of all points of order against consideration of S. 5 includes:

—Clause 11 of rule XXI, which prohibits consideration of a bill or joint resolution which has not been reported by a committee until such measure has been available to Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner for 72 hours.

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COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

Rules Committee record vote No. 4

Motion by Mr. McGovern to amend the rule to make in order amendment #2 to H.R. 471, offered by Representative Neguse, which inserts the updated text of the Tim Hart Wildland Firefighter Classification and Pay Parity Act, to improve pay and benefits for federal wildland firefighters. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay	Mr. Neguse
Mrs. Houchin	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Griffith	Nay		
Mr. Jack	Nay		
Ms. Foxx, Chairwoman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 5

Motion by Ms. Leger Fernandez to amend the rule to make in order amendment #7 to H.R. 471, offered by Representative Leger Fernandez. Amendment #7 would insert authorizations for appro-

priations for activities in various sections of the bill. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay	Mr. Neguse
Mrs. Houchin	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Griffith	Nay		
Mr. Jack	Nay		
Ms. Foxx, Chairwoman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 6

Motion by Ms. Leger Fernandez to amend the rule to make in order amendment #8 to H.R. 471, offered by Representative Leger Fernandez. Amendment #8 would provide support for the collection and maintenance of native seeds and production of tree seedlings. Defeated: 3–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay	Mr. Neguse
Mrs. Houchin	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Griffith	Nay		
Mr. Jack	Nay		
Ms. Foxx, Chairwoman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 7

Motion by Mr. Austin Scott to report the rule. Adopted: 9–3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mrs. Fischbach	Yea	Mr. McGovern	Nay
Mr. Norman	Yea	Ms. Scanlon	Nay
Mr. Roy	Yea	Mr. Neguse
Mrs. Houchin	Yea	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Nay
Mr. Langworthy	Yea		
Mr. Austin Scott	Yea		
Mr. Griffith	Yea		
Mr. Jack	Yea		
Ms. Foxx, Chairwoman	Yea		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 471 MADE IN ORDER

1. Perry (PA): Strikes carbon sequestration and ecosystem services prioritization from section 301 biochar demonstration projects. (10 minutes)

1. Carbajal (CA): Allows the U.S. Forest Services to approve the removal of hazardous trees near power lines on federal land without requiring a timber sale, easing a serious threat that has in the past been a major cause of destructive wildfires. (10 minutes)

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 471 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PERRY OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 78, strike lines 15 through 16.

Page 79, strike lines 1 through 2.

Page 79, line 7, strike “through (iv)” and insert “through (iii)”.

Page 79, line 20, strike “through (D)” and insert “through (C)”.

Page 81, line 24, strike the semicolon and insert “; and”.

Page 82, line 3, strike “and”.

Page 82, strike lines 4 through 6.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title III add the following:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SEC. 309. FIRE SAFE ELECTRICAL CORRIDORS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In any special use permit or easement on National Forest System land provided to an electrical utility, the Secretary may provide permission to cut and remove trees or other vegetation from within the vicinity of distribution lines or transmission lines without requiring a separate timber sale, if that cutting and removal is consistent with—

- (1) the applicable land and resource management plan; and
- (2) other applicable environmental laws (including regulations).

(b) **USE OF PROCEEDS.**—A special use permit or easement that includes permission for cutting and removal described in subsection (a) shall include a requirement that, if the applicable electrical utility sells any portion of the material removed under the permit or easement, the electrical utility shall provide to the Secretary, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, any proceeds received from the sale, less any transportation costs incurred in the sale.

(c) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in subsection (b) shall require the sale of any material removed under a permit or easement that includes permission for cutting and removal described in subsection (a).