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1ST SESSION

H. R. 3389

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry

AN ACT

To require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an evaluation with respect to the use of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS), and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Wildfire
3 Fighting Technology Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONTAINER AERIAL FIREFIGHTING SYSTEM**
5 **(CAFFS).**

6 (a) **EVALUATION.**—Not later than 90 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
8 culture and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation
9 with the National Interagency Aviation Committee and the
10 Interagency Airtanker Board, shall jointly conduct an
11 evaluation of the container aerial firefighting system to as-
12 sess the use of such system to mitigate and suppress
13 wildfires.

14 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 120 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
16 and the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the
17 National Interagency Aviation Committee and the Inter-
18 agency Airtanker Board, shall jointly submit to the appro-
19 priate committees a report that includes the results of the
20 evaluation required under subsection (a).

21 (c) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES DEFINED.**—In this
22 section, the term “appropriate committees” means—

23 (1) the Committees on Agriculture and Natural
24 Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry and Energy and Natural Resources of
the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives September 12, 2023.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.