

S.L.C.
Robert J. Wicker

AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve the bill.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—w, 2d Sess.

S. 4237

To establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and to address growing needs in the wildland-urban interface, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. WICKER

Viz:

1 On page 4, strike line 24 and insert “has the meaning
2 given that term in section 2 of the Weather Research and
3 Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 (15 U.S.C. 8501).”.

4 On page 11, line 7, strike “evaluate and” and insert
5 “work with Federal agencies to”.

6 On page 11, line 8, insert “by such agencies” after
7 “determinations”.

1 On page 11, beginning on line 9, strike “such as”
2 and all that follows through “thinning” on line 10.

3 On page 43, line 20, strike “all” and insert “rel-
4 evant”.

5 On page 48, after line 23, insert the following:

6 **SEC. 20. FIRE WEATHER RATING SYSTEM.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Under Secretary shall, in col-
8 laboration with the Chief of the United States Forest
9 Service, the Director of the United States Geological Sur-
10 vey, the Director of the National Park Service, the Admin-
11 istrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,
12 and such stakeholders as the Under Secretary considers
13 appropriate—

14 (1) evaluate the system used as of the date of
15 the enactment of this Act to rate the risk of wildfire;
16 and

17 (2) determine whether updates to that system
18 are required to ensure that the ratings accurately re-
19 flect the severity of fire risk.

20 (b) **UPDATE REQUIRED.**—If the Under Secretary de-
21 termines under subsection (a) that updates to the system
22 described in paragraph (1) of such subsection are nec-
23 essary, the Under Secretary shall update that system.