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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for parity for remote, isolated, and rural communities under the fire weather services program.

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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

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN)

Viz:

- 1 On page 7, line 20, strike “and” and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing:
- 3 (6) to develop communications networks and
- 4 strategies to ensure parity of fire forecasts, warning
- 5 services, and information about current fire location,
- 6 for remote, isolated, and rural communities, includ-
- 7 ing communities where the public acts as the first
- 8 responder to wildfire; and

1 On page 7, line 25, strike “(5)” and insert “(6)”.

2 On page 10, line 4, strike “and”.

3 On page 10, line 7, strike the period and insert “;
4 and”.

5 On page 10, between lines 7 and 8, insert the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (4) ensuring the parity of access to and support
8 from the tools, science, and technologies developed
9 under this subsection for remote, isolated, and rural
10 communities.

11 On page 12, between lines 5 and 6, insert the fol-
12 lowing:

13 (e) PARITY FOR REMOTE, ISOLATED, AND RURAL
14 COMMUNITIES.—In developing and implementing the pro-
15 gram established under subsection (a), the Under Sec-
16 retary shall ensure parity of coverage and programmatic
17 activity for remote, isolated, and rural communities, in-
18 cluding communities where the public acts as the first re-
19 sponder to wildfire.