

AMENDMENT
OFFERED BY MRS. SYKES OF OHIO

Amend section 3024(a)(3)(E) to read as follows:

- 1 (E) in paragraph (5)—
- 2 (i) in the paragraph heading by strik-
- 3 ing “RURAL PROJECTS” and inserting
- 4 “SET-ASIDES”;
- 5 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—
- 6 (I) in the subparagraph heading
- 7 by striking “IN GENERAL” and insert-
- 8 ing “RURAL AREAS”;
- 9 (II) by striking “subparagraph
- 10 (B)” and inserting “subparagraph
- 11 (C)”; and
- 12 (III) by inserting “for grants”
- 13 before “under this subsection”;
- 14 (iii) in subparagraph (B) by striking
- 15 “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “sub-
- 16 paragraph (A) or (B)”;
- 17 (iv) by redesignating subparagraph
- 18 (B), as amended, as subparagraph (C);
- 19 and

1 (v) by inserting after subparagraph

2 (A) the following:

3 “(B) AREAS OF PERSISTENT POVERTY.—

4 Subject to subparagraph (C), not less than 25

5 percent of the amounts made available under

6 this subsection in a fiscal year shall be distrib-

7 uted to projects in areas of persistent poverty,

8 as determined by the Secretary.”;

Amend section 10104(4) to read as follows:

9 (4) in subsection (g)—

10 (A) in the subsection heading by striking

11 “RURAL AREAS” and inserting “SET-ASIDES”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1), in the paragraph

13 heading, by striking “IN GENERAL” and insert-

14 ing “RURAL AREAS”;

15 (C) in paragraph (2) by striking “urban-

16 ized area, as defined by the Bureau of the Cen-

17 sus” and inserting “urban area, as defined by

18 the Bureau of the Census with a population of

19 50,000 or less”; and

20 (D) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(3) AREAS OF PERSISTENT POVERTY.—Of the

22 amounts appropriated under this section, at least 25

23 percent shall be available for projects in areas of

24 persistent poverty, as determined by the Secretary.

1 “(4) OVERLAP.—Funds made available pursu-
2 ant to this subsection for use in areas that are both
3 areas of persistent poverty under paragraph (3) and
4 rural areas may simultaneously satisfy the require-
5 ments of paragraphs (1) and (3).”;

Amend section 10105(2) to read as follows:

6 (2) in subsection (f)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (F) by striking
9 “and” at the end;

10 (ii) in subparagraph (G) by striking
11 the period and inserting “; and”; and

12 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(H) if applicable to the project, utilize ad-
15 vanced technology and data to—

16 “(i) augment the scope of the project
17 to increase safety; and

18 “(ii) reduce overall costs of the
19 project.”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (3) by adding at the end
21 the following:

22 “(E) AREAS OF PERSISTENT POVERTY
23 GRANTS.—Not less than 25 percent of the
24 grant funds available for the Program in any

1 fiscal year shall be reserved for projects located
2 in areas of persistent poverty, as determined by
3 the Secretary.”;

