

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NA-  
TURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO THE COMMITTEE  
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OFFERED BY MR. LAMALFA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

**1 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DECLARATION TIME FRAME.**

2 (a) MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION.—Section  
3 401(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
4 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following: “A major disaster dec-  
6 laration under this section shall be made not later than  
7 30 days after a request by a Governor or the Chief Execu-  
8 tive of an affected Indian Tribal Government. Failure to  
9 meet the 30-day requirement shall result in an automatic  
10 approval of such request for a declaration.”.

11 (b) EMERGENCY DECLARATION.—Section 501(a) of  
12 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-  
13 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191) is amended by adding at  
14 the end the following: “An emergency declaration under  
15 this section shall be made not later than 30 days after  
16 a request for a declaration by a Governor or the Chief  
17 Executive of an affected Indian Tribal Government. Fail-

1 ure to meet the 30-day requirement shall result in an  
2 automatic approval of such request for a declaration.”.

3 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RURAL ASSISTANCE.**

4 Section 326 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
5 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5165d) is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(d) **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL AREAS.—**  
8 If a disaster or emergency occurs in a rural area, regard-  
9 less if a declaration has been made, the Small State and  
10 Rural Advocate shall work in coordination with the State,  
11 Territory or Tribal Emergency Management Agency to  
12 provide guidance to the rural areas emergency manager  
13 on developing a recovery team, including resources to help  
14 prevent flooding, mudslides, rockslides or any other nat-  
15 ural disaster that could result after a wildfire and identi-  
16 fying available resources for both short-term and long-  
17 term recovery, including resources to help prevent a future  
18 natural disaster within the burned area.”.

19 “(e) **CASE WORKER AVAILABILITY.—**In a case in  
20 which a request for individual assistance in a rural area  
21 is made under section 408 but denied, the Small State  
22 and Rural Advocate shall work in coordination with the  
23 affected State, Territory or Tribal Emergency Manage-

1 ment Agency to make disaster case workers available to  
2 the residents impacted by the disaster or emergency.”.

