Amendment Offered by Rep. Kuster (NH)

Title VI—Rural College Coordinated Strategy

Amendment Description: This amendment would instruct the Secretary to develop a coordinated strategy within Rural Development programs to serve the specific, local needs of rural community and technical colleges. The amendment has no cost and helps ensure that there is a comprehensive guide in place for supporting these essential educational institutions.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1947

OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

After section 6012, insert the following:

1 **SEC. _____. RURAL COLLEGE COORDINATED STRATEGY.**

2 Section 331 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-
3 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1981) is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 "(d) RURAL COLLEGE COORDINATED STRATEGY.—
6 The Secretary shall develop a coordinated strategy across
7 the relevant programs within the Rural Development mis-
8 sion areas to serve the specific, local needs of rural com-
9 munities when making investments in rural community
10 colleges and technical colleges through other current au-
11 thorities. During the development of a coordinated strat-
12 egy, the Secretary shall consult with groups representing
13 rural-serving community colleges and technical colleges to
14 coordinate critical investments in rural community colleges
15 and technical colleges involved in workforce training.
16 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to provide
17 a priority for funding within current authorities. The Sec-
18 retary shall use the coordinated strategy and information
19 developed for the strategy to more effectively serve rural

1 communities with respect to investments in community
2 colleges and technical colleges.".