

**Amendment offered by Mr. Riley of New York**

**Amendment description**

This amendment requires the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a report to Congress within one year that maps overlapping service areas between investor-owned utilities and rural electric cooperatives, identifies barriers for customers wanting to switch to cooperatives, and compares the affordability of their utility services.

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. RILEY OF NEW YORK**

At the end of title VI, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **STUDY ON RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**  
2 **FEASIBILITY.**

3 Within 1 year after the date of the enactment of this  
4 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare and submit  
5 to the Congress a report that sets forth the following:

6 (1) An analysis using mapping, census data,  
7 and other appropriate data showing the populations  
8 and geographic areas in the United States where the  
9 service area of an investor-owned utility corporation  
10 abuts, is proximate to, or overlaps with a rural elec-  
11 tric cooperative.

12 (2) The extent to which customers served by an  
13 investor-owned utility corporation, particularly such  
14 a corporation that abuts the service territory of a  
15 rural electric cooperative, have elected or may elect  
16 to switch to a rural electric cooperative, and any  
17 legal, economic, or other barriers to switching.

18 (3) Legislative, regulatory, or other proposals  
19 that would facilitate giving customers served by an

1 investor-owned utility corporation the option to  
2 switch to a rural electric cooperative.

3 (4) The extent to which rural electric coopera-  
4 tives provide more affordable electric and gas service  
5 than investor-owned utilities.

