

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5504  
OFFERED BY MR. SCOTT OF VIRGINIA**

Page 124, beginning on line 1, amend subparagraph

(D) to read as follows:—

1                   “(D) REGIONAL BALANCE.—  
2                    “(i) IN GENERAL.—In making awards  
3                   under this subsection, the Secretary shall,  
4                   to the maximum extent practicable ensure  
5                   regional balance, including through—  
6                         “(I) geographic diversity; and  
7                         “(II) proportional distribution  
8                   among urban, rural, and tribal com-  
9                   munities.  
10                   “(ii) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—In  
11                   ensuring regional balance under clause (i),  
12                   the Secretary shall provide priority consid-  
13                   eration to eligible entities that demonstrate  
14                   in their applications participation by so-  
15                   cially disadvantaged agriculture producers,  
16                   as determined by the Secretary.”.

