

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4987

To provide first responders with planning, training, and equipment capabilities for crude oil-by-rail and ethanol-by-rail derailment and incident response, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER (for herself and Mr. HIGGINS of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fire Department Prop-
5 er Response and Equipment Prioritization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR FIREFIGHTERS FOR CRUDE OIL-BY-**
2 **RAIL AND ETHANOL-BY-RAIL DERAILMENT**
3 **AND INCIDENT RESPONSE.**

4 Section 33(c) of the Federal Fire Prevention and
5 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(c)) is amended by
6 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(4) PRIORITY.—The Administrator of FEMA
8 shall, in carrying out this section, give high priority
9 consideration to grants providing for planning, train-
10 ing, and equipment to firefighters for crude oil-by-
11 rail and ethanol-by-rail derailment and incident re-
12 sponse.”.

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