

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Capito OF West Virginia,
OR her DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3524, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MRS. CAPITO OF WEST VIRGINIA**

Page 10, strike lines 13 through 16.

Page 14, strike “non-mandatory” in lines 5 and 6 and all that follows through line 14, and insert the following: “components of the green building rating system, standard, or code determined by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (1)(3); and”.

Strike line 16 on page 14 and all that follows through page 15, line 5, and insert the following: “construction, complies with the components of the green building rating system, standard, or code determined by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (1)(3).”.

Page 32, line 13, strike “REQUIREMENT”.

Strike line 14 on page 32 and all that follows through page 34, line 9.

Page 34, line 10, strike “(2)” and insert “(1)”.

Page 34, line 13, strike “proposed”.

Page 34, strike lines 15 through 18, and insert “this section is carried out in accordance with the terms in-

cluded in the approved plan pursuant to section (e)(2)(C)(xii)”.

Page 35, after line 5, insert the following:

1 “(2) IDENTIFICATION OF GREEN BUILDINGS
2 RATING SYSTEM, STANDARD, OR CODE.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this
4 section, the Secretary shall identify a rating
5 system, standard, or code for green buildings
6 that the Secretary determines to be a com-
7 prehensive and environmentally-sound approach
8 to development of green buildings.

9 “(B) CRITERIA.—In identifying the green
10 building rating system, standard, or code under
11 this paragraph, the Secretary shall take into
12 consideration—

13 “(i) the impact of the cost of the en-
14 hanced building quality rating systems,
15 standards, or codes on the number of af-
16 fordable housing units;

17 “(ii) the ability and availability of as-
18 sessor's and auditors to independently
19 verify the criteria and measurement of
20 metrics at the scale necessary to imple-
21 ment this subsection;

1 “(iii) the ability of the applicable de-
2 veloper of the rating system, standard, or
3 code to collect and reflect public comment;

4 “(iv) the ability of the rating system,
5 standard, or code to be developed and re-
6 vised through a consensus-based process;

7 “(v) an evaluation of the robustness
8 of the criteria for a high-performance
9 green building, which shall give credit for
10 promoting—

11 “(I) efficient and sustainable use
12 of land, water, energy, and other nat-
13 ural resources;

14 “(II) use of renewable energy
15 sources;

16 “(III) improved indoor environ-
17 mental quality through enhanced in-
18 door air quality, day lighting, pollut-
19 ant source control, and use of low-
20 emission materials and building sys-
21 tem controls; and

22 “(IV) such other criteria as the
23 Secretary determines to be appro-
24 priate; and

1 “(vi) whether the rating system,
2 standard, or code is accredited by a na-
3 tional standards developing organization.

4 “(C) 5-YEAR EVALUATION.—At least once
5 every five years, the Secretary shall conduct a
6 study to evaluate and compare available third-
7 party green building rating systems, standards,
8 and codes, taking into account the criteria spec-
9 ified in subparagraph (B).”.

Page 35, lines 9 through 11, strike “national Green Communities criteria checklist and LEED rating systems” and insert “green building rating system, standard, or code”.

Page 35, line 13, strike “checklist and systems” and insert “system, standard, or code”.

Page 35, strike “the national” in line 20 and all that follows through line 24, and insert the following: “any rating system, standard, or code that the Secretary has determined to be appropriate pursuant to paragraph (3).”.