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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4200, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WELDON OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of title X (page 409, after line 13), insert
the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____.** **TRANSFER OF EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
2 **FENSE PERSONAL PROPERTY SUITABLE FOR**
3 **FIREFIGHTING USE TO SUPPORT FEDERAL**
4 **EXCESS PERSONAL PROPERTY PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2576b of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “Subject” and inserting
9 “Notwithstanding any other provision of law
10 and subject”; and

11 (B) by striking “a firefighting agency in a
12 State” and inserting “the United States Forest
13 Service”;

14 (2) in subsections (b)(2) and (c), by striking
15 “recipient firefighting agency” and inserting “Forest
16 Service”; and

17 (3) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the
18 following new subsections:

19 “(d) **PRIORITY FOR RURAL FIREFIGHTING AGEN-**
20 **CIES.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of De-



1 fense shall enter into an agreement with the Secretary of
2 Agriculture to use the existing property disposal program
3 of the Forest Service, known as the Federal Excess Per-
4 sonal Property Program, to facilitate the reutilization of
5 Department of Defense personal property described in
6 subsection (a) by firefighting agencies in rural areas.

7 “(2) An agreement under paragraph (1) shall not
8 provide for the reutilization of Department of Defense air-
9 craft by the Forest Service until the end of the one-year
10 period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of
11 Agriculture submits a report to the Committee on Agri-
12 culture and the Committee on Armed Services of the
13 House of Representatives and the Committee on Agri-
14 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on
15 Armed Services of the Senate detailing measures taken by
16 the Forest Service in response to National Transportation
17 Safety Board Recommendations A-04-29 through A-04-
18 33.

19 “(3) The transfer of Department of Defense personal
20 property described in subsection (a) to the Forest Service
21 for reutilization by firefighting agencies in rural areas
22 shall be afforded a property disposal priority at least equal
23 to the priority given the military departments and other
24 entities within the Department of Defense.



1 “(e) DEFINITION OF STATE.—The term ‘State’ in-
2 cludes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of
3 Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
4 Islands, and any territory or possession of the United
5 States.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading of
7 such section is amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 2576b. Excess personal property: reutilization to
9 assist firefighting agencies”.**

10 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
11 153 of such title is amended by striking the item relating
12 to section 2576b and inserting the following new item:

“2576b. Excess personal property: reutilization to assist firefighting agencies.”.

