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S. 1448

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the annual enrollment of land in the wetlands reserve program, to extend the program through 2005, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 1999

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY.—Section
5 1237(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
6 3837(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
7 ing the following:

1 “(1) ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY.—For
2 calendar years 2000 through 2005, the Secretary
3 may enroll up to 250,000 acres annually in the wet-
4 lands reserve program.”.

5 (b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 1237(c) of
6 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3837(c)) is
7 amended by striking “2002” and inserting “2005”.

8 (c) ELIGIBLE LANDS.—Section 1237(d) of the Food
9 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3837(d)) is amended—
10 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” at the
11 end;

12 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at
13 the end and inserting “; or”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(4)(A) suitable for the establishment of wet-
16 land functions and values;

17 “(B) land that would contribute substantially to
18 the habitat objectives of the North American Water-
19 fowl Management Plan signed by the Minister of the
20 Environment for Canada and the Secretary of the
21 Interior of the United States in May 1986;

22 “(C) land that has not historically been wet-
23 lands.”.

1 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 1237F of
2 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3837f) is
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
5 section (c); and

6 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Notwithstanding
9 chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary
10 may enter into a cooperative agreement for the acquisition
11 of goods or services, including personal services, with a
12 State, a political subdivision or agency of a State, a public
13 or private agency, an organization, or any other person,
14 without regard to any requirements for competition, if the
15 Secretary determines that—

16 “(1) the objectives of the agreement will serve
17 a mutual interest of the parties to the agreement in
18 wetland conservation;

19 “(2) all parties will contribute resources to the
20 accomplishment of the objectives; and

21 “(3) the agreement will further the purposes of
22 this subchapter.”.

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