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H. R. 2532

To provide for the establishment of regional plant genome and gene expression research and development centers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of regional plant genome and gene expression research and development centers.

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. CENTERS.

4 The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make
5 grants for the establishment of regional plant genome and
6 gene expression research and development centers, the
7 purpose of which shall be to—

8 (1) develop capabilities in basic plant genome
9 research;

1 (2) extend basic plant genomics research
2 through plant breeding programs and accelerate its
3 application to the development and testing of new
4 varieties of enhanced food crops and crops that can
5 be used as alternative energy sources;

6 (3) develop alternative uses of agricultural
7 crops; and

8 (4) serve as centers for scientific and safety in-
9 formation on plant genomics.

10 SEC. 2. GRANT AWARDS.

11 Grant awards under this Act shall be made through
12 an open, peer-reviewed competition. When making awards,
13 the Secretary of Agriculture shall ensure that as many dif-
14 ferent agronomic environments as possible are rep-
15 resented.

16 SEC. 3. MATCHING FUNDS.

17 The Secretary of Agriculture shall not provide under
18 this Act more than 50 percent of the cost of establishing
19 any research and development center.

20 SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

21 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
22 retary of Agriculture \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2002 and
23 \$4,500,000 for fiscal year 2003 to carry out this Act.

