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S. 1527

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend and improve the environmental quality incentive program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON) 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. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF MAXIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL
6 BENEFITS PER DOLLAR EXPENDED.—Section 1240A of
7 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–1) is
8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
10 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) MAXIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS PER DOLLAR EXPENDED.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘maximize environmental benefits per dollar expended’ means to maximize environmental benefits to the extent the Secretary, in consultation with local work groups (as defined in section 1466.3 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation)), determines is practicable and appropriate, taking into account the amount of funding made available to carry out this chapter.

“(B) LIMITATION.—The term ‘maximize environmental benefits per dollar expended’ does not require the Secretary—

“(i) to provide the least cost contract or practice; or

“(ii) to require the development of a plan under section 1240E as part of an application for the program.”.

(b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1240B(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–

1 2(a)(1)) is amended by striking “2002” and insert-
2 ing “2011”.

3 (2) FUNDING.—Section 1241 of the Food Secu-
4 rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841) is amended—

5 (A) in subsection (a) and subsection
6 (b)(2), by striking “2002” each place it appears
7 and inserting “2011”; and

8 (B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking
9 “2002,” and inserting “2011, to remain avail-
10 able until expended,”.

11 (c) APPLICATION AND TERM.—Section 1240B(b)(2)
12 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–
13 2(b)(2)) is amended by striking “less than 5,” and insert-
14 ing “less than 3,”.

15 (d) TIMING OF EXPENDITURES.—Section 1240G of
16 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa–7) is
17 amended by striking subsection (c).

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