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To strengthen the restrictions of the importation from BSE minimal-risk regions of meat, meat byproducts, and meat food products from bovines.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. THUNE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BAUCUS) 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. RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION FROM BSE**
4 **MINIMAL-RISK REGIONS OF MEAT AND ELIGI-**
5 **BLE PRODUCTS FROM RUMINANTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), para-
7 graph (a) of section 94.19 of title 9, Code of Federal Reg-
8 ulations, as amended by the final rule issued by the Sec-
9 retary of Agriculture on January 4, 2005 (70 Fed. Reg.

1 551) (and any successor regulations), shall apply only to
 2 meat, meat byproducts, and meat food products derived
 3 from a bovine that is slaughtered at less than 30 months
 4 of age.

5 (b) EXPANDED COVERAGE.—If the Secretary, in con-
 6 sultation with appropriate officials in the minimal risk re-
 7 gion described in section 94.18(a)(3) of such title 9, makes
 8 a determination that the region is in full compliance with
 9 a ruminant feed ban and other safeguards related to bo-
 10 vine spongiform encephalopathy, the Secretary—

11 (1) shall submit to the Committee on Agri-
 12 culture of the House of Representatives and the
 13 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
 14 of the Senate a report on the determination; and

15 (2) may promulgate regulations to allow para-
 16 graph 9(a) of section 94.19 of such title 9 to apply
 17 to meat, meat byproducts, and meat food products
 18 derived from a class of bovines in the region that is
 19 determined by the Secretary by the regulations.

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