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To authorize appropriate action if negotiations with Japan to allow the resumption of United States beef exports are not successful, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. BROWNE, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. TALENT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To authorize appropriate action if negotiations with Japan to allow the resumption of United States beef exports are not successful, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) the United States cattle industry produces
6 abundant, safe, and healthful food for consumers in
7 the United States and around the world;

24 (6) the United States has taken substantive
25 corrective actions to ensure that United States beef

1 exports to Japan are in full compliance with the
2 terms of the agreement, fully disclosed the actions
3 taken to the Government of Japan, and allowed Jap-
4 anese officials the opportunity to review those ac-
5 tions and personally inspect and determine the eligi-
6 bility of all United States beef processing plants cer-
7 tified for the export of beef to Japan;

1 **SEC. 2. NEGOTIATIONS AND CERTIFICATION REGARDING**2 **UNITED STATES BEEF EXPORTS TO JAPAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, not later than August 31, 2006, the United
5 States Trade Representative shall submit to Congress a
6 certification described in subsection (b).

7 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The certification described in
8 this subsection means a certification by the United States
9 Trade Representative to Congress that Japan is no longer
10 prohibiting the importation of beef from the United
11 States.

12 (c) ADDITIONAL TARIFFS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the certification described
14 in subsection (b) is not made, the Secretary of the
15 Treasury shall, not later than September 30, 2006,
16 impose additional tariffs on selected articles that are
17 grown by, the products of, or manufactured by
18 Japan and that enter the customs territory of the
19 United States, in addition to any other duty that
20 would otherwise apply to the articles.

21 (2) AMOUNT.—The additional tariffs shall be
22 applied to the articles in an amount sufficient, in the
23 aggregate, to result in additional tariffs being im-
24 posed on imports of articles from Japan in an
25 amount equal to \$3,140,000,000 annually.

5 (d) NEGOTIATIONS.—Beginning on the date of enact-
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, in consulta-
7 tion with the United States Trade Representative, shall
8 expedite negotiations with Japan to ensure that Japan
9 adopts a process that leads to the elimination of the prohi-
10 bition by Japan on imports of beef from the United States.

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