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# H. R. 2170

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to provide covered institutions loans for conversion to use of biomass for energy generation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2009

Mr. FORTENBERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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. LOAN PROGRAM FOR CONVERSION TO BIO-**  
4 **MASS ENERGY GENERATION.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
6 shall establish a program to provide zero-interest loans to  
7 covered institutions for capital costs for converting to the  
8 use of biomass for energy generation.

1       (b) USE OF LOAN FUNDS.—The Secretary shall en-  
2       sure that a covered institution receiving a loan under the  
3       program established under subsection (a) will use woody  
4       biomass for not less than 75 percent of the energy genera-  
5       tion resulting from the conversion to the use of biomass  
6       for such generation.

7       (c) REVOLVING FUND.—

8               (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in  
9       the Treasury a revolving fund for the program es-  
10      tablished under subsection (a).

11             (2) USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.—The Sec-  
12      retary shall use the amounts in the revolving fund  
13      established under paragraph (1) to carry out the  
14      program established under subsection (a).

15             (3) DEPOSITS.—The Secretary shall deposit  
16      amounts received as payment on loans provided  
17      under the program established under subsection (a)  
18      into the revolving fund established under paragraph  
19      (1).

20             (4) INITIAL DEPOSIT.—Of the funds of the  
21      Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall  
22      make available \$100,000,000 to the revolving fund  
23      established under paragraph (1).

24      (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1           (1) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-  
2       ered institution” means—

3           (A) an institution of higher education (as  
4       defined in section 101 of the Higher Education  
5       Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001));

6           (B) a public or private elementary or sec-  
7       ondary school; or

8           (C) a hospital.

9           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10      the Secretary of Agriculture.

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