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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Shellfish Equity Act of 2011”.
SEC. 2. NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Section 196(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333(a)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting “shellfish (regardless of the method of production),” after “sea oats,”.

SEC. 3. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK, HONEY BEES, SHELLFISH, AND FARM-RAISED FISH.

(a) In General.—Section 531(e) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1531(e)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “SHELLFISH,” after “HONEY BEES,”; and

(2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “shellfish (regardless of the method of production),” after “honey bees,”.

(b) Conforming Amendments.—

(1) In General.—Section 901(e) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2497(e)) is amended—

(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting “SHELLFISH,” after “HONEY BEES,”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “shellfish (regardless of the method of production),” after “honey bees,”.

(2) Funding.—Section 902(d) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2497a(d)) is amended by striking “the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of
1 2008” and inserting “the Shellfish Equity Act of
2 2011”.

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