

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1284

To clarify the treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2015

Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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. CARBON EMISSIONS FROM FOREST BIOMASS.**

4 In taking an action regarding air emissions from an  
5 energy source or facility that uses forest biomass, the Ad-  
6 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall  
7 assume that forest biomass emissions do not increase over-  
8 all carbon accumulations in the atmosphere if—

9 (1) a Forest Inventory and Analysis of the De-  
10 partment of Agriculture that is current at the time

1 the action is taken shows that forest carbon stocks  
2 in the United States are stable or increasing; or

3 (2) the forest biomass is derived from mill re-  
4 siduals, harvest residuals, or forest management ac-  
5 tivities.

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