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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a New World screwworm fly rearing facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. FALLON, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. SELF, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. LUCAS, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. BACON, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. OWENS, and Mr. HUNT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Tactics
5 to Obstruct the Population of Screwworms Act” or the
6 “STOP Screwworms Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FACILITY.**

2 The Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301
3 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 10409A (7
4 U.S.C. 8308a) the following:

5 **“SEC. 10409B. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FA-**
6 **CILITY.**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
9 begin construction on 1 or more modular New World
10 screwworm fly rearing facilities in eligible areas described
11 in subsection (b). Such a facility shall, in addition to pro-
12 viding for the rearing of sterile New World screwworm
13 flies, provide for the dispersal of such flies to areas at risk
14 of New World screwworm fly infestation.

15 “(b) ELIGIBLE AREA DESCRIBED.—An eligible area
16 described in this subsection is an area of a State that the
17 Secretary determines to be—

18 “(1) at risk of New World screwworm fly infes-
19 tation due to the migratory pattern of confirmed de-
20 tections of New World screwworm flies; and

21 “(2) suitable for dispersal of sterile New World
22 screwworm flies reared at a New World screwworm
23 fly rearing facility established under this section to
24 additional areas at risk of New World screwworm fly
25 infestation.

1 “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the
3 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture
4 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
5 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, and
6 make publicly available on the website of the Department
7 of Agriculture, a report that includes—

8 “(1) an analysis of the current threat posed to
9 agriculture in the United States by New World
10 screwworm flies; and

11 “(2) a description of—

12 “(A) the efforts being taken by the Sec-
13 retary to combat New World screwworm fly mi-
14 gration, including construction and operation of
15 the facilities described in subsection (a); and

16 “(B) the effectiveness of such efforts.

17 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
19 out this section \$300,000,000, to remain available until
20 expended.”.

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