

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4394

To establish temporary enrollment priorities for the conservation reserve program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 1998

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota 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. PRIORITY ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN LANDS IN**

4 **CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) TEMPORARY ENROLLMENT PRIORITIES.—During
6 the period specified in subsection (b), the Secretary of Ag-
7 riculture shall give the highest priority to the enrollment
8 of croplands in the conservation reserve program that—

9 (1) are located in a county that has been de-
10 clared either a presidential or secretarial disaster

1 area during three out of the preceding five years;
2 and

3 (2) are located in an area repeatedly infected
4 with *Fusarium graminearum* or vomitoxin.

5 (b) DETERMINATION OF INFECTION HISTORY.—In
6 determining whether an area meets the requirements of
7 subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall consider crop insur-
8 ance records and grain elevator receipts.

9 (c) PERIOD OF PRIORITY.—The priority established
10 in subsection (a) shall apply during the period—

11 (1) beginning on the date of the enactment of
12 this Act; and

13 (2) ending on the final day of the first signup
14 period for the conservation reserve program com-
15 mencing after the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (d) CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM.—In this
17 section, the term “conservation reserve program” means
18 the program established under subchapter B of chapter
19 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of
20 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.).

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