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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to assure that the operations of the Forest Service are free of racial, sexual, and ethnic discrimination.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. HERGER 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 “Forest Service Em-
5 ployment Opportunity Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION IN FOREST**
7 **SERVICE.**

8 (a) REQUIRED STEPS.—The Secretary of Agriculture
9 is directed to take such steps as are necessary to assure
10 that the operations of the Forest Service are free of racial,

1 gender-based, and ethnic discrimination. Such steps shall
2 include—

3 (1) assuring that employment is not offered to
4 persons based on their race, sex, or national origin;

5 (2) assuring Forest Service compliance with the
6 requirements of title VII of the Civil Rights Act of
7 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.); and

8 (3) such other steps as are necessary to prevent
9 any preferences in employment, contracting, or oth-
10 erwise, from being extended by the Forest Service on
11 the basis of race, sex, or national origin.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
13 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agri-
14 culture shall submit to Congress a report describing the
15 steps taken to implement this section and their effective-
16 ness.

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