

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 781

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. COVERAGE FOR CROP LOSSES FROM PLANT**  
2 **DISEASE UNDER CROP INSURANCE AND NON-**  
3 **INSURED CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM.—Section 508 of the  
5 Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508) is amend-  
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “plant dis-  
8 ease,” after “flood,”; and

9 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “plant dis-  
10 ease,” after “flood,”.

11 (b) NONINSURED CROP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—  
12 Section 196(a)(3) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement  
13 and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333(a)(3)) is amend-  
14 ed by inserting “plant disease,” after “flood,”.

15 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO MAKE EMERGENCY DISASTER**  
16 **LOANS FOR FARMING OPERATIONS SUBSTAN-**  
17 **TIALLY AFFECTED BY A PLANT DISEASE.**

18 Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
19 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1961(a)) is amended by in-  
20 serting “or plant disease” after “natural disaster” each  
21 place such term appears.

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