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# H. R. 817

To require the appointment of the Chief of the Forest Service by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 1997

Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HILL, and Mr. RADANOVICH) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF THE FOREST**  
4 **SERVICE.**

5 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.**—The Depart-  
6 ment of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 is amend-  
7 ed by inserting after section 247 (7 U.S.C. 6963), relating  
8 to the reorganization of the Forest Service, the following  
9 new section:

1 **“SEC. 248. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF THE FOREST SERV-**  
2 **ICE.**

3 “The Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Ag-  
4 riculture, shall be appointed by the President, by and with  
5 the advice and consent of the Senate. The Chief shall be  
6 appointed from among persons who have substantial expe-  
7 rience and demonstrated competence in forest land man-  
8 agement and natural resources conservation.”.

9 (b) EFFECT ON CURRENT CHIEF.—The person serv-  
10 ing as Chief of the Forest Service on the date of the enact-  
11 ment of this Act may continue to serve in the position  
12 pursuant to existing law until the earlier of the following:

13 (1) The end of the six-month period beginning  
14 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (2) The date on which the person is re-  
16 appointed, or a replacement is first appointed, to the  
17 position pursuant to section 248 of the Department  
18 of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, as added  
19 by subsection (a).

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