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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 1997

Mr. MORAN of Kansas 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. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING**
4 **CONSERVATION RESERVE CONTRACTS.**

5 (a) EXTENSION AUTHORIZED.—Notwithstanding
6 section 727 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food
7 and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appro-
8 priations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104–180; 110 Stat.

1 1600), in the case of a conservation reserve program con-
2 tract described in subsection (b), the owner or operator
3 of a farm or ranch who is the party to the contract may
4 extend the contract for one year if the owner or operator
5 agrees to accept a rental rate not to exceed the lower of—

6 (1) the existing rental rate under the contract;

7 or

8 (2) the maximum county rental rate established
9 by the Secretary of Agriculture for the county in
10 which the land covered by the contract is located.

11 (b) ELIGIBLE CONTRACTS DESCRIBED.—A conserva-
12 tion reserve program contract referred to in subsection (a)
13 means a contract that—

14 (1) was entered into under subchapter B of
15 chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Se-
16 curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.);

17 (2) expires in 1997; and

18 (3) covers land, regarding which the Secretary
19 of Agriculture rejects a bid to reenroll the land in
20 the conservation reserve.

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