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To authorize registration of Canadian pesticides for agricultural crops.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POMEROY (for himself, Mr. HILL of Montana, and Mr. BALDACCİ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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agricultural crops.

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 “Pesticide Registration
5 Harmonization Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO HARMONI-**
7 **ZATION OF REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN PES-**
8 **TICIDES FOR USE ON AGRICULTURAL CROPS.**

9 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
10 gress that the President should direct the United States

1 representative to the United States-Canada Technical
2 Working Group (hereafter referred to as “TWG”) to use
3 the voice and vote of the United States to urge the TWG
4 to make the harmonization of registration of pesticides de-
5 scribed in subsection (b) the highest priority.

6 (b) PESTICIDE DEFINED.—For purposes of this Act,
7 a pesticide is a crop protection product which is registered
8 in Canada for use on agricultural crops and which is not
9 registered in the United States for use on such crops but
10 is registered in the United States for other food use crops.

11 **SEC. 3. ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTRATION FOR CERTAIN PES-**
12 **TICIDES.**

13 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTRATION.—Within 180
14 days of receiving a written request from the registrant of
15 a pesticide in Canada, the Administrator of the Environ-
16 mental Protection Agency (hereafter referred to as the
17 “Administrator”) shall accept registration of the pesticide
18 for use in the United States on the same crops as it is
19 registered for in Canada unless the Administrator deter-
20 mines that substantial evidence exists to preclude United
21 States acceptance of the registration.

22 (b) ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENT.—To be eligible for
23 acceptance of a pesticide under subsection (a), the reg-
24 istrant shall submit with its request—

1 (1) copies of all the data and other registration
2 materials submitted to and approved by the Pes-
3 ticide Management and Registration Agency of Can-
4 ada; and

5 (2) an estimate of the expected use of the pes-
6 ticide on the crops subject to acceptance and an ex-
7 planation of how total use of the pesticide on all
8 crops will be made to conform with the applicable re-
9 quirements of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide,
10 and Rodenticide Act.

11 (c) PRIORITIES.—In deciding whether to accept a
12 registration, the Administrator shall take into account the
13 priority of harmonizing registrations of pesticides between
14 the United States and Canada, as established in the Can-
15 ada-United States Trade Agreement and the North Amer-
16 ican Free Trade Agreement. A request submitted under
17 this section for pesticide registration shall not be counted
18 against any other priority submitted by a registrant.

19 (d) DENIAL.—In the event registration of a pesticide
20 is denied, the Administrator shall publicly identify the rea-
21 sons and causes for the denial.

22 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

23 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
24 of the Act, and every year thereafter, the United States
25 representative to the TWG shall report to appropriate

- 1 committees of Congress on the status of TWG efforts to
- 2 harmonize registrations of pesticides for use on agricul-
- 3 tural crops in the United States and Canada.

