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H. R. 2066

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the annual enrollment of land in the wetlands reserve program, to extend the program through 2005, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 1999

Mr. PICKERING (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. CHAMBLISS) 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. WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY.—Section
5 1237(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
6 3837(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
7 ing the following new paragraph (1):

1 “(1) ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY.—For
2 calendar years 2000 through 2005, the Secretary
3 may enroll up to 250,000 acres annually in the wet-
4 lands reserve program.”.

5 (b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 1237(c) of
6 such Act (16 U.S.C. 3837(c)) is amended by striking
7 “2002” and inserting “2005”.

8 (c) ELIGIBLE LANDS.—Section 1237(d) of such Act
9 (16 U.S.C. 3837(d)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
11 (2);

12 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
13 graph (3) and inserting “; or”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new
15 paragraph:

16 “(4) suitable for the establishment of wetland
17 functions and values, and that would contribute sub-
18 stantially to the habitat objectives of the North
19 American Waterfowl Management Plan, but has not
20 historically been wetlands.”.

21 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 1237F of
22 such Act (16 U.S.C. 3837f) is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
24 section (c); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
2 lowing new subsection (b):

3 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Notwithstanding
4 chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary
5 may enter into a cooperative agreement for the acquisition
6 of goods or services, including personal services, with a
7 State, a political subdivision or agency of a State, a public
8 or private agency, an organization, or any other person,
9 without regard to any requirements for competition, if the
10 Secretary determines that—

11 “(1) the objectives of the agreement will serve
12 a mutual interest of the parties to the agreement in
13 wetland conservation;

14 “(2) all parties will contribute resources to the
15 accomplishment of the objectives; and

16 “(3) the agreement will further the purposes of
17 this subchapter.”.

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