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S. 1202

To require a warrant or consent before an inspection of land may be carried out to enforce any law administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CAMPBELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. INSPECTIONS OF LAND TO ENFORCE LAWS AD-**
4 **MINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE IN-**
5 **TERIOR.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal year 2000 and each
7 fiscal year thereafter, notwithstanding any law that au-
8 thorizes any officer or employee of the Department of the
9 Interior to enter private land for the purpose of con-
10 ducting an inspection or search and seizure for the pur-

1 pose of enforcing the law, any such officer or employee
2 shall not enter any private land without first obtaining—

3 (1) a warrant issued by a court of competent
4 jurisdiction; or

5 (2) the consent of the owner of the land.

6 (b) VIOLATION AND EMERGENCY EXCEPTION.—An
7 officer or employee of the Department of the Interior may
8 enter private land without meeting the conditions de-
9 scribed in subsection (a)—

10 (1) for the purpose of enforcing the law, if the
11 officer or employee has reason to believe that a vio-
12 lation of law is being committed; or

13 (2) as required as part of an emergency re-
14 sponse being conducted by the Department of the
15 Interior.

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