S. 1207

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 10, 1999

Mr. Kohl (for himself, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Hagel) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Farmer Tax Fairness
- 5 Act".

| 1 | SEC. 2. INCOME AVERAGING FOR FARMERS NOT TO IN- |
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| 2 | CREASE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX LIABIL- |
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| 4 | (a) In General.—Section 55(c) of the Internal Rev- |
| 5 | enue Code of 1986 (defining regular tax) is amended by |
| 6 | redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3) and by in- |
| 7 | serting after paragraph (1) the following: |
| 8 | "(2) Coordination with income averaging |
| 9 | FOR FARMERS.—Solely for purposes of this section, |
| 10 | section 1301 (relating to averaging of farm income) |
| 11 | shall not apply in computing the regular tax." |
| 12 | (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by |
| 13 | this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after |
| 14 | December 31, 1997. |

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