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1ST SESSION

# S. 1815

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2001

Mrs. LINCOLN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## 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. PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESOURCE CONSERVA-**  
4       **TION AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATORS.**

5       Subtitle H of title XV of the Agriculture and Food  
6       Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating section 1538 (16 U.S.C.  
2           3461) as section 1538a; and

3           (2) by inserting after section 1537 (16 U.S.C.  
4           3460) the following:

5   **“SEC. 1538. RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOP-**  
6                           **MENT COORDINATORS.**

7           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary (acting through  
8   the Natural Resources Conservation Service) shall carry  
9   out a pilot program under which the Secretary shall make  
10   grants to local units of government or local nonprofit orga-  
11   nizations in the State of Arkansas to employ, and provide  
12   the necessary support for, a non-Federal resource con-  
13   servation and development coordinator (referred to in this  
14   section as a “non-Federal coordinator”) to assist in car-  
15   rying out this subtitle in the State.

16          “(b) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—The participa-  
17   tion of a local unit of government or local nonprofit orga-  
18   nization in the pilot program shall be voluntary.

19          “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—A local unit of government  
20   or local nonprofit organization receiving a grant under this  
21   section shall submit to the Secretary an annual report that  
22   describes the activities of the non-Federal coordinator.

23          “(d) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The total amount of a  
24   grant provided under this section to a local unit of govern-

1 ment or local nonprofit organization for a fiscal year shall  
2 be at least \$75,000.

3 “(e) FUNDING.—From funds made available under  
4 section 1538a, the Secretary shall use to carry out this  
5 section, \$\_\_\_\_\_ for each of fiscal years 2001  
6 through 2003.”.

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