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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1574

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to require, as a condition on the receipt of direct payments or counter-cyclical payments under such Act for rice produced by tenants and sharecroppers in Texas, that the producers on the farm agree to retain the rice cropland in production for the next crop year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2003

Mr. PAUL 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rice Farmer Fairness
5 Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENHANCED PROTECTION FOR TENANTS AND**
2 **SHARECROPPERS WHO PRODUCE RICE.**

3 Section 1105(d) of the Farm Security and Rural In-
4 vestment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7915(d)) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “In carrying”;

6 and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(2) As a condition on the receipt of direct payments
10 or counter-cyclical payments for rice produced in Texas
11 when the principal producer of the rice is a tenant or
12 sharecropper, the producers on the farm shall agree, as
13 part of the agreement required by subsection (a)(1), to
14 retain the rice cropland in rice production or a cropping
15 system rotation that includes rice production during the
16 next crop year.”.

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