

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3886

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to expand the pilot program for the enrollment of certain wetlands and its buffer acreage in the conservation reserve program to include the enrollment of certain playas and its buffer acreage, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2004

Mr. NEUGEBAUER 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. FARMABLE WETLANDS PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) EXPANSION OF PROGRAM TO INCLUDE
5 PLAYAS.—Paragraph (2)(A) of subsection (h) of section
6 1231 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831)
7 is amended—

- 1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (i);
- 2 (2) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii);
- 3 (3) by inserting after clause (i) the following
- 4 new clause:

5 “(ii) a playa (regardless of whether
6 the playa is listed on a map described in
7 subparagraph (B)) that was cropped dur-
8 ing at least 3 of the immediately preceding
9 10 crop years; and”; and

- 10 (4) in clause (iii), as so redesignated—

11 (A) in subclause (I), by inserting “or playa
12 described in clause (ii)” before the semicolon at
13 the end; and

14 (B) in subclauses (II) and (III), by insert-
15 ing “or playa” after “wetland” each place it ap-
16 pears.

- 17 (b) MAXIMUM SIZE.—Paragraph (2)(D)(i)(I) of such
- 18 subsection is amended—

19 (1) by striking “described in subparagraph
20 (A)(i)” and inserting “or playa described in clause
21 (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A)”;

22 (2) by striking “10 contiguous acres” and in-
23 serting “40 contiguous acres”; and

24 (3) by striking “5 acres” and inserting “20
25 acres”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such subsection is
2 further amended—

3 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting “,
4 PLAYA, AND” after “WETLAND”;

5 (2) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) in the heading of subparagraph (D)(i),
7 by inserting “OR PLAYA” after “WETLAND”;
8 and

9 (B) in subparagraph (D)(ii)—

10 (i) in subclause (I), by striking “de-
11 scribed in subparagraph (A)(i)” and insert-
12 ing “or playa described in clause (i) or (ii)
13 of subparagraph (A)”;

14 (ii) in subclause (II), by inserting “or
15 playa” after “wetland”; and

16 (3) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “or
17 playa” after “wetland”.

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