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S. 2141

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to enhance the ability to produce fruits and vegetables on soybean base acres.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2004

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

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 “Farming Flexibility
5 Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR**
7 **PROCESSING ON SOYBEAN BASE ACRES.**

8 Section 1101 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
9 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7911) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

1 “(i) PRODUCTION OF FRUITS OR VEGETABLES FOR
2 PROCESSING.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)
4 and (3), the producers on a farm may reduce the
5 base acres for soybeans for the farm if the reduced
6 acres are used for the planting and production of
7 fruits or vegetables for processing.

8 “(2) REVERSION TO SOYBEAN BASE ACRES.—
9 Any reduced acres of a farm devoted to the planting
10 and production of fruits or vegetables during a crop
11 year under paragraph (1) shall be included in base
12 acres for soybeans for the subsequent crop year, un-
13 less the producers on the farm make the election de-
14 scribed in paragraph (1) for the subsequent crop
15 year.

16 “(3) RECALCULATION OF BASE ACRES.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
18 graph (B), if the Secretary recalculates base
19 acres for a farm, the planting and production of
20 fruits or vegetables for processing under para-
21 graph (1) shall be considered to be the same as
22 the planting, prevented planting, or production
23 of soybeans.

1 “(B) AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this sub-
2 section provides authority for the Secretary to
3 recalculate base acres for a farm.”.

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