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# S. 432

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 24, 2003

Mr. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Public Lands Produc-  
5        tion Research Act of 2003”.

6        **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7        As used in this Act:

1           (1) The term “public lands” has the meaning  
2           given such term in section 103(e) of the Federal  
3           Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C.  
4           1702(e)).

5           (2) The term “National Forest System” has the  
6           meaning given such term in section 11(a) of the  
7           Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Plan-  
8           ning Act (16 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

9           (3) The term “Secretaries” means the Sec-  
10          retary of Agriculture acting through the Chief of the  
11          Forest Service and the Secretary of the Interior act-  
12          ing through the Director of the Bureau of Land  
13          Management.

14   **SEC. 3. RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

15          The Secretaries shall consult and develop a program  
16          of research into alternative treatments for timber and tim-  
17          ber products produced from public lands and other federal  
18          lands withdrawn from the public domain for the National  
19          Forest System, including the use of silver-based biocides  
20          using silver produced from patented and unpatented fed-  
21          eral lands. The program may be implemented through con-  
22          tracts with public or private laboratories or research insti-  
23          tutes with experience in the treatment of such products.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums

3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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