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# H. R. 187

To prohibit the operation during a calendar year of the final rule issued by the Secretary of Agriculture to establish standards for the designation of minimal-risk regions for the introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, including designation of Canada as a minimal-risk region, unless United States access to major markets for United States exports of cattle and beef products is equivalent or better than the access status accorded such exports as of January 1, 2003.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Mr. POMEROY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL CONDITION ON APPLICATION OF**  
2 **FINAL RULE REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT**  
3 **OF MINIMAL-RISK REGIONS, INCLUDING CAN-**  
4 **ADA, FOR BOVINE SPONGIFORM**  
5 **ENCEPHALOPATHY.**

6 (a) IMPOSITION OF CONDITION.—The final rule  
7 issued by the Secretary of Agriculture on January 4,  
8 2005, amending parts 93, 94, 95, and 96 of title 9 of  
9 the Code of Federal Regulations to establish standards for  
10 the designation of minimal-risk regions for the introduc-  
11 tion of bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United  
12 States, to provide for the importation of certain  
13 ruminants, ruminant products, and ruminant byproducts  
14 from such minimal-risk regions, and to designate Canada  
15 as a minimal-risk region shall not apply during a calendar  
16 year unless the United States Trade Representative cer-  
17 tifies to Congress and the Secretary of Agriculture that  
18 the status of United States access during that calendar  
19 year to the 10 historical major markets for United States  
20 exports of ruminants, ruminant products, and ruminant  
21 byproducts is equivalent or better than the access status  
22 accorded to United States exports of ruminants, ruminant  
23 products, and ruminant byproducts to those markets as  
24 of January 1, 2003.

25 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR EXPORT MAR-  
26 KETS.—To assist the United States Trade Representative

1 in making the certification required by subsection (a), the  
2 Secretary of Commerce shall identify the 10 historical  
3 major markets for United States exports of ruminants, ru-  
4 minant products, and ruminant byproducts using statis-  
5 ties regarding the quantity of United States exports of  
6 ruminants, ruminant products, and ruminant byproducts  
7 to foreign countries during 2003.

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