

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1674

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to give preference to local communities in the application consideration process for the conservation reserve program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 2007

Mr. SALAZAR 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. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM.

4 Section 1234 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
5 U.S.C. 3834) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(h) OFFERS BY RESIDENT OWNERS AND OPERA-
8 TORS.—In determining the acceptability of contract offers
9 for new enrollments, the Secretary shall, to the maximum

1 extent practicable, give preference to an offer from an
2 owner or operator that is a resident in the county in which
3 the land is located, or in a contiguous county, if the land
4 would provide at least equivalent conservation benefits (as
5 determined by the Secretary) as compared to land under
6 competing offers.”.

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