

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 272

To amend Public Law 87–383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 11, 2007

Mr. COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR CONSERVA-**
4 **TION OF MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND HABI-**
5 **TAT.**

6 The first section of Public Law 87–383 (16 U.S.C.
7 715k–3) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “That in” and inserting the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 **“SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR CONSERVA-**
 4 **TION OF MIGRATORY WATERFOWL HABITAT.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In”;

6 (2) by striking “for the period” and all that fol-
 7 lows through the end of the sentence and inserting
 8 “\$400,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2008
 9 through 2017.”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(b) ADVANCE TO MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION
 12 FUND.—Funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be
 13 treated as an advance, without interest, to the Migratory
 14 Bird Conservation Fund.

15 “(c) REPAYMENT TO TREASURY.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning July 1,
 17 2008, funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall
 18 be repaid to the Treasury out of the Migratory Bird
 19 Conservation Fund.

20 “(2) AMOUNTS.—Repayment under this sub-
 21 section shall be made in annual amounts that are
 22 equal to the funds accruing annually to the Migra-
 23 tory Bird Conservation Fund that are attributable to
 24 the portion of the price of migratory bird hunting

1 stamps sold that year that is in excess of \$15 per
2 stamp.”.

3 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE USE OF CER-**
4 **TAIN FUNDS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) the funds provided pursuant to the amend-
7 ments made by this Act—

8 (A) should be used for preserving and in-
9 creasing waterfowl populations in accordance
10 with the goals and objectives of the North
11 American Waterfowl Management Plan; and

12 (B) to that end, should be used to supple-
13 ment and not replace current conservation
14 funding, including funding for other Federal
15 and State habitat conservation programs; and

16 (2) this Act and the amendments made by this
17 Act should be implemented in a manner that helps
18 private landowners achieve long-term land use objec-
19 tives in a manner that enhances the conservation of
20 wetland and wildlife habitat.

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