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H. R. 4227

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide loans to support the conversion of energy generation or heating and cooling systems to the use of renewable biomass and to support the installation of new equipment to use renewable biomass for such systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2009

Mr. SCHRADER (for himself, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. MINNICK, and Mr. DEFazio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Incentives to Increase
5 Use of Renewable Biomass Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOAN PROGRAM**
 2 **FOR CONVERSION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FA-**
 3 **CILITIES TO BIOMASS ENERGY GENERATION,**
 4 **HEATING, OR COOLING SYSTEMS.**

5 Title IX of the Farm Security and Rural Investment
 6 Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.), as amended by sec-
 7 tion 9001 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of
 8 2008 (Public Law 110–246; 122 Stat. 2064), is amended
 9 by adding at the end the following new section:

10 **“SEC. 9014. LOAN PROGRAM FOR CONVERSION OF CERTAIN**
 11 **PUBLIC FACILITIES TO BIOMASS ENERGY**
 12 **GENERATION, HEATING, OR COOLING SYS-**
 13 **TEMS.**

14 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Agri-
 15 culture shall establish a program to provide interest-free
 16 loans to eligible institutions described in subsection (b) for
 17 capital costs for converting existing equipment or for in-
 18 stalling new equipment to use renewable biomass for en-
 19 ergy generation, heating, or cooling systems.

20 “(b) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.—The following insti-
 21 tutions are eligible for a loan under the program estab-
 22 lished under subsection (a):

23 “(1) An institution of higher education (as de-
 24 fined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of
 25 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)).

1 “(2) A public or private elementary or sec-
2 ondary school.

3 “(3) A hospital.

4 “(4) A local government building.

5 “(5) A governmental, community, health, or
6 educational building owned or leased and occupied
7 by an Indian tribe, except any building used in
8 whole or in part for gaming (as defined in section
9 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C.
10 2703)).

11 “(c) USE OF LOAN FUNDS.—The Secretary shall en-
12 sure that an eligible institution receiving a loan under the
13 program established under subsection (a) will use renew-
14 able biomass for not less than 75 percent of the energy
15 generation, heating, or cooling needs of the facility of the
16 covered institution for which the loan is received.

17 “(d) REVOLVING FUND.—

18 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
19 the Treasury a revolving fund for the program es-
20 tablished under subsection (a).

21 “(2) USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.—Amounts in
22 the revolving fund established under paragraph (1)
23 shall be available to the Secretary to carry out the
24 program established under subsection (a).

1 “(3) DEPOSITS.—The amounts received as pay-
2 ment on loans provided under the program estab-
3 lished under subsection (a) shall be deposited into
4 the revolving fund established under paragraph (1).

5 “(4) INITIAL DEPOSIT.—Of the funds of the
6 Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall
7 make available \$100,000,000 to the revolving fund
8 established under paragraph (1).”.

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