

**Calendar No. 368**

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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**S. 1965**

**[Report No. 111–183]**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 2009

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

MAY 5, 2010

Reported by Mrs. BOXER, without amendment

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Feral Swine Eradi-  
3 cation and Control Pilot Program Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) wetlands in Louisiana provide substantial  
7 cultural, economic, and ecological benefits to the  
8 United States and is essential to protecting coastal  
9 communities from flooding;

10 (2) nonnative invasive feral swine populations  
11 in coastal Louisiana are increasing and severely im-  
12 pacting wetlands, especially acreages recovering from  
13 the negative impacts of nutria herbivory;

14 (3) Louisiana State University researchers have  
15 determined that feral swine damage to coastal wet-  
16 lands is very similar to nutria damage but is more  
17 severe and may exceed the 90,000 acres previously  
18 impacted by nutria; and

19 (4) methodologies developed for the State of  
20 Louisiana under the Coastwide Nutria Control Pro-  
21 gram established under the Coastal Wetlands Plan-  
22 ning, Protection and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.  
23 3951 et seq.) may provide the basis for the effective  
24 control and restoration of wetlands damage caused  
25 by feral swine.

1 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-  
2 ize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assist-  
3 ance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to de-  
4 velop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to  
5 assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine.

6 **SEC. 3. FERAL SWINE ERADICATION AND CONTROL PILOT**  
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of ap-  
9 propriations under subsection (e), the Secretary of the In-  
10 terior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may  
11 provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana to  
12 pay the Federal share of the cost of carrying out a pilot  
13 program—

14 (1) to study and assess the nature and extent  
15 of damage to wetlands in the State caused by feral  
16 swine;

17 (2) to develop methods to eradicate or control  
18 feral swine in the State that may also be used in  
19 other States; and

20 (3) to develop methods to restore wetlands  
21 damaged by feral swine.

22 (b) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the  
23 Secretary shall ensure that the pilot program consider and  
24 use, as appropriate, the knowledge and expertise gained  
25 through the activities carried out under—

1           (1) the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection  
2           and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 3951 et seq.); and

3           (2) the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of  
4           2003 (Public Law 108–16; 117 Stat. 621).

5           (c) COST SHARING.—

6           (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of  
7           the costs of the pilot program under this section  
8           may not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of car-  
9           rying out the pilot program.

10          (2) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The non-Fed-  
11          eral share of the costs of the pilot program may be  
12          provided in the form of in-kind contributions of ma-  
13          terials or services.

14          (d) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—  
15          Not more than 10 percent of financial assistance provided  
16          by the Secretary under this section may be used for ad-  
17          ministrative expenses.

18          (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
19          authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
20          out this section \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011  
21          through 2013.



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