

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1322

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the public disclosure of crop insurance premium subsidies made on behalf of Members of Congress and their immediate families, Cabinet Secretaries and their immediate families, and entities of which any such individual or combination of such individuals is a majority shareholder, and to require the public disclosure of the underwriting gains earned by private insurance providers and the business expenses covered by the Federal Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2015

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. KIND, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Stop Hiding Congres-
3 sional Farm Subsidies Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM SUB-**
5 **SIDIES MADE ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF**
6 **CONGRESS AND CERTAIN OTHER INDIVID-**
7 **UALS AND ENTITIES.**

8 Section 502(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
9 U.S.C. 1502(c)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
11 following new subparagraph:

12 “(C) DISCLOSURE OF SUBSIDIES MADE ON
13 BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CABI-
14 NET SECRETARIES.—

15 “(i) DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.—The
16 Secretary shall make available to the pub-
17 lic, on an annual basis, the following infor-
18 mation regarding each individual or entity
19 specified in clause (ii) who obtained a fed-
20 erally subsidized crop insurance, livestock,
21 or forage policy or plan of insurance (other
22 than a catastrophic risk protection plan of-
23 fered under section 508(b)) during the pre-
24 vious fiscal year:

25 “(I) The name of the individual
26 or entity.

1 “(II) The amount of premium
2 subsidy received by the individual or
3 entity from the Corporation for such
4 policy or plan of insurance.

5 “(III) The amount of any Fed-
6 eral portion of indemnities paid to the
7 individual or entity in the event of a
8 loss during that fiscal year under the
9 policy or plan of insurance.

10 “(ii) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—This
11 subparagraph applies with respect to the
12 following:

13 “(I) Members of Congress and
14 their immediate families.

15 “(II) Cabinet Secretaries and
16 their immediate families.

17 “(III) Entities of which any indi-
18 vidual described in clause (i) or (ii),
19 or a combination of such individuals,
20 is a majority shareholder.”; and

21 (2) by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraph:

23 “(5) DISCLOSURE OF BENEFITS FOR PRIVATE
24 INSURANCE PROVIDERS.—Notwithstanding para-
25 graph (1) or any other provision of law, the Sec-

1 retary shall make available to the public, on an an-
2 nual basis, the following information regarding each
3 private insurance provider, by name:

4 “(A) The underwriting gains earned
5 through participation in the federally subsidized
6 crop insurance program.

7 “(B) The amount paid under this subtitle
8 for administrative and operating expenses, any
9 Federal portion of indemnities and reinsurance,
10 and any other purpose.”.

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