H. R. 4654

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 2017

Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. EMMER, Mrs. NOEM, and Mr.
PETERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Com-
mittee on Agriculture

A BILL

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retary of Agriculture to use certain data in determining
an actual or benchmark county yield, and for other pur-
poses.

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. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AGRICULTURE RISK**

4   **COVERAGE PROGRAM.**

5   Section 1117(g)(4) of the Agricultural Act of 2014

6   (7 U.S.C. 9017(g)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

7   "(4) in the case of county coverage—

1   "(A) effective beginning with actual yields

2   for the 2017 crop year, assign an actual county

3   yield for each planted acre for the crop year for

4   the covered commodity—

5   "(i) for a county for which county

6   data collected by the Risk Management

7   Agency is sufficient, as determined by the

8   Secretary, to offer a county-wide insurance

9   product using the actual average county

10   yield determined by the Risk Management

11   Agency; or

12   "(ii) for a county not described in

13   clause (i) using—

14   "(I) other sources of yield infor-

15   mation (including consultation with

16   the applicable State office of the

17   Farm Service Agency); or

18   "(II) the yield history of rep-

19   resentative farms in the State, region,

20   or crop reporting district, as deter-

21   mined by the Secretary;

22   "(B) assign a benchmark county yield for

23   a crop year using the actual county yield as-

24   signed in the prior crop year under subpara-

25   graph (A); and

1   ''(C) make payments, as applicable, to pro-

2   ducers using the payment rate of the county of

3   the physical location of the base acres of a

4   farm.''.

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