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To amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 to establish a program to provide advance payments under the Emergency Conservation Program for the repair or replacement of fencing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MORAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF FENCING**
4 **UNDER EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401 of the Agricultural
7 Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2201) is amended—

1 (1) by striking the section designation and all
 2 that follows through “The Secretary of Agriculture”
 3 and inserting the following:

4 **“SEC. 401. PAYMENTS TO PRODUCERS.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
 6 (referred to in this title as the ‘Secretary’); and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(b) REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF FENCING.—With
 9 respect to a payment to an agricultural producer under
 10 subsection (a) for the repair or replacement of fencing,
 11 the Secretary shall give the agricultural producer the op-
 12 tion of receiving the payment, determined based on the
 13 applicable percentage of the fair market value of the cost
 14 of the repair or replacement, as determined by the Sec-
 15 retary, before the agricultural producer carries out the re-
 16 pair or replacement.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) Sections 402, 403, 404, and 405 of the Ag-
 19 ricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2202,
 20 2203, 2204, 2205) are amended by striking “Sec-
 21 retary of Agriculture” each place it appears and in-
 22 serting “Secretary”.

1 (2) Section 407(a) of the Agricultural Credit
2 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2206(a)) is amended by
3 striking paragraph (4).

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