

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2712

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2019

Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Mr. McGOVERN) 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 “Buy American Agri-
5 culture Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES PURCHASED FROM**
7 **DOMESTICALLY OWNED ENTERPRISES.**

8 (a) BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENT.—

11 (A) would be inconsistent with the public
12 interest;

13 (B) is not possible because agricultural
14 commodities and seafood produced by domesti-
15 cally owned enterprises, as determined by the
16 Secretary of Agriculture, are not produced—

17 (i) in sufficient quantities; or

18 (ii) in a satisfactory quality; or

19 (C) would result in a greater than 25 per-
20 cent increase between—

21 (i) the amount necessary to apply
22 such paragraph in a fiscal year; and

23 (ii) the amount spent by the Agricultural Marketing Service in purchasing agricultural commodities and seafood under

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1 the Food Purchase and Distribution Pro-
2 gram in the fiscal year prior to such fiscal
3 year.

10 (b) PUBLICATION OF AWARDS.—In publishing the
11 awards made to vendors under the purchase programs
12 under the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Secretary
13 of Agriculture shall include the determination of such
14 award and whether the entity receiving such an award is
15 a domestically owned enterprise.

16 (c) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall be
17 applied in a manner consistent with the United States ob-
18 ligations under international agreements.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

