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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 753

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3 (legislative day, MAY 1), 1995

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. HATFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## 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. COOPERATIVE WORK FOR PROTECTION, MAN-**

4 **AGEMENT, AND IMPROVEMENT OF NATIONAL**

5 **FOREST SYSTEM.**

6 The penultimate paragraph of the matter under the

7 heading "FOREST SERVICE." of the first section of the

1 Act of June 30, 1914 (38 Stat. 430, chapter 131; 16  
2 U.S.C. 498), is amended—

3 (1) by inserting “, management,” after “the  
4 protection”;

5 (2) by striking “national forests,” and inserting  
6 “National Forest System,”;

7 (3) by inserting “management,” after “protec-  
8 tion,” both places it appears; and

9 (4) by adding at the end the following new sen-  
10 tences: “Payment for work undertaken pursuant to  
11 this paragraph may be made from any appropriation  
12 of the Forest Service that is available for similar  
13 work if a written agreement so provides and reim-  
14 bursement will be provided by a cooperator in the  
15 same fiscal year as the expenditure by the Forest  
16 Service. A reimbursement received from a cooperator  
17 that covers the proportionate share of the cooperator  
18 of the cost of the work shall be deposited to the  
19 credit of the appropriation of the Forest Service  
20 from which the payment was initially made or, if the  
21 appropriation is no longer available to the credit of  
22 an appropriation of the Forest Service that is avail-  
23 able for similar work. The Secretary of Agriculture  
24 shall establish written rules that establish criteria to  
25 be used to determine whether the acceptance of con-

1 tributions of money under this paragraph would ad-  
2 versely affect the ability of an officer or employee of  
3 the United States Department of Agriculture to  
4 carry out a duty or program of the officer or em-  
5 ployee in a fair and objective manner or would com-  
6 promise, or appear to compromise, the integrity of  
7 the program, officer, or employee. The Secretary of  
8 Agriculture shall establish written rules that protect  
9 the interests of the Forest Service in cooperative  
10 work agreements.”.

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