

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3101

To respond to drought conditions in various States by authorizing farmers and ranchers in drought areas to use certain conservation reserve lands for haying and grazing during the remainder of 1999.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 19, 1999

Mr. BRYANT (for himself, Mr. TANNER, and Mr. HILLEARY) 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. 1999 EMERGENCY HAYING AND GRAZING ON**
4 **CERTAIN CONSERVATION RESERVE PRO-**
5 **GRAM ACREAGE.**

6 (a) HAYING AND GRAZING AUTHORIZED.—Notwith-
7 standing section 1232(a)(7) of the Food Security Act of
8 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3832(a)(7)), the owner or operator of

1 a farm or ranch covered by a contract under subchapter
2 B of chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of such Act (16
3 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.) may hay and graze, without loss of
4 payments due under the contract, land that—

5 (1) is part of that farm or ranch;

6 (2) is enrolled in the conservation reserve estab-
7 lished under such Act;

8 (3) is designated as conservation practice 1
9 land; and

10 (4) is located in a designated drought disaster
11 area.

12 (b) DESIGNATED DROUGHT DISASTER AREAS.—In
13 this section, the term “designated drought disaster area”
14 means an area that, at any time during 1999—

15 (1) was covered by a Presidential declaration of
16 major disaster issued in response to drought condi-
17 tions under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford
18 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
19 U.S.C. 5170); or

20 (2) determined to be a disaster area by the Sec-
21 retary under subpart A of part 1945 of title 7, Code
22 of Federal Regulations as a result of drought condi-
23 tions.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Subsection (a) shall be ef-
2 fective during the period beginning on the date of the en-
3 actment of this Act and ending on December 31, 1999.

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