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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

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Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. KERREY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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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 “Food and Medicine  
5       for the World Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF**  
7                       **ANY UNILATERAL AGRICULTURAL OR MED-**  
8                       **ICAL SANCTION.**

9       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10           (1) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term  
11           “agricultural commodity” has the meaning given the  
12           term in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of  
13           1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).

14           (2) AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM.—The term “ag-  
15           ricultural program” means—

16                   (A) any program administered under the  
17                   Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance  
18                   Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.);

19                   (B) any program administered under sec-  
20                   tion 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7  
21                   U.S.C. 1431);

22                   (C) any program administered under the  
23                   Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5601  
24                   et seq.);

1 (D) the dairy export incentive program ad-  
 2 ministered under section 153 of the Food Secu-  
 3 rity Act of 1985 (15 U.S.C. 713a–14);

4 (E) any commercial export sale of agricul-  
 5 tural commodities; or

6 (F) any export financing (including credits  
 7 or credit guarantees) provided by the United  
 8 States Government for agricultural commod-  
 9 ities.

10 (3) JOINT RESOLUTION.—The term “joint reso-  
 11 lution” means—

12 (A) in the case of subsection (b)(1)(B),  
 13 only a joint resolution introduced within 10 ses-  
 14 sion days of Congress after the date on which  
 15 the report of the President under subsection  
 16 (b)(1)(A) is received by Congress, the matter  
 17 after the resolving clause of which is as follows:  
 18 “That Congress approves the report of the  
 19 President pursuant to section 2(b)(1)(A) of the  
 20 Food and Medicine for the World Act, trans-  
 21 mitted on .”, with the blank