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H. R. 1506

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the annual enrollment of land in the wetlands reserve program, to extend the program through 2005, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2001

Mr. PICKERING (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. HAYES, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. LEACH, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DICKS, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. JOHN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. TURNER, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. REGULA, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. ROSS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the annual enrollment of land in the wetlands reserve program, to extend the program through 2005, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM.**

2 (a) ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY.—Section
3 1237(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
4 3837(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
5 ing the following new paragraph (1):

6 “(1) ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY.—For
7 calendar years 2001 through 2005, the Secretary
8 may enroll up to 250,000 acres annually in the wet-
9 lands reserve program.”.

10 (b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 1237(c) of
11 such Act (16 U.S.C. 3837(c)) is amended by striking
12 “2002” and inserting “2005”.

13 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 1237F of
14 such Act (16 U.S.C. 3837f) is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
16 section (c); and

17 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
18 lowing new subsection (b):

19 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Notwithstanding
20 chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary
21 may enter into a cooperative agreement for the acquisition
22 of goods or services, including personal services, with a
23 State, a political subdivision or agency of a State, a public
24 or private agency, an organization, or any other person,
25 without regard to any requirements for competition, if the
26 Secretary determines that—

1 “(1) the objectives of the agreement will serve
2 a mutual interest of the parties to the agreement in
3 wetland conservation;

4 “(2) all parties will contribute resources to the
5 accomplishment of the objectives; and

6 “(3) the agreement will further the purposes of
7 this subchapter.”.

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