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To prohibit the use of Federal funds to implement certain additional reductions in the production or consumption of methyl bromide, unless the Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency have submitted a report on the effects of methyl bromide on the ozone layer, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 6, 2001

Mr. POMBO (for himself, Mr. BOYD, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. PUTNAM, and Mr. RADANOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sound Science Methyl
3 Bromide Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL**
5 **FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDI-**
6 **TIONAL METHYL BROMIDE REDUCTIONS.**

7 No Federal funds may be used to implement any reg-
8 ulation that requires a reduction in the production or con-
9 sumption of methyl bromide after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, unless—

11 (1) the Secretary of Agriculture and the Admin-
12 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
13 have submitted the report on the effects of methyl
14 bromide under section 3(a)(2); and

15 (2) the 3-month period described in section
16 3(c)(2) has ended.

17 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON EFFECTS OF METHYL BROMIDE ON**
18 **OZONE LAYER.**

19 (a) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 6 months
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 of Agriculture and the Administrator of the Environ-
22 mental Protection Agency, acting jointly, shall—

23 (1) conduct a study on the effects of methyl
24 bromide on the ozone layer; and

25 (2) submit to the Congress a report describing
26 the findings and conclusions of the study.

1 (b) ASSUMPTION OF NO ADDITIONAL REDUC-
2 TIONS.—Notwithstanding the phaseout regulations for
3 methyl bromide at part 82 of title 40, Code of Federal
4 Regulations, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Admin-
5 istrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall as-
6 sume for purposes of the study and report that no reduc-
7 tion in the production or consumption of methyl bromide
8 will be made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (c) REVIEW BY NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—
10 The Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of the
11 Environmental Protection Agency, acting jointly, shall
12 seek to enter into an arrangement with the National Acad-
13 emy of Sciences under which the National Academy of
14 Sciences shall—

15 (1) prepare a written review of the findings and
16 conclusions in the report submitted to the Congress
17 under subsection (a)(2); and

18 (2) not later than 3 months after the date of
19 submission of that report, submit the written review
20 to the Congress.

21 **SEC. 4. STUDY ON USE AND PRODUCTION OF METHYL BRO-**
22 **MIDE BY OTHER NATIONS.**

23 Not later than 4 months after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, the United States Trade Representative
25 shall—

1 (1) conduct a study to—

2 (A) identify each nation that increased use
3 or production of methyl bromide after 1991;

4 (B) quantify such increase by each such
5 nation; and

6 (C) identify each nation that will prohibit
7 the importation of a United States product if
8 methyl bromide is not used for that product;
9 and

10 (2) submit to the Congress a report describing
11 the findings and conclusions of the study.

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