

108TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4001

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to use the Agricultural Research Service to conduct research regarding the likelihood and risks of the transfer between animal species of the proteinaceous infectious particles, known as prions, that cause transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2004

Mr. LATHAM (for himself, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. LEACH) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE RE-**
2 **SEARCH ON INTERSPECIES TRANSFER OF**
3 **PROTEINACEOUS INFECTIOUS PARTICLES**
4 **CAUSING TRANSMISSIBLE SPONGIFORM**
5 **ENCEPHALOPATHIES.**

6 (a) **RESEARCH PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**—The Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture may establish a research program
8 under which the Agricultural Research Service will con-
9 duct research regarding the likelihood and risks of the
10 transfer between animal species of the proteinaceous infec-
11 tious particles, known as prions, that cause transmissible
12 spongiform encephalopathies. In carrying out the research
13 program, the Agricultural Research Service shall specifi-
14 cally study the risks associated with feeding livestock by-
15 products to other animals, such as chickens, turkeys, and
16 hogs, which are subsequently slaughtered and the by-prod-
17 ucts of which are feed to livestock or whose offspring are
18 slaughtered and the by-products of which are feed to live-
19 stock.

20 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is
21 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agri-
22 culture to carry out the research program \$15,000,000 for
23 fiscal year 2005, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and
24 \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

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