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H. R. 4569

To provide for the development of a national plan for the control and management of Sudden Oak Death, a tree disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. MAJETTE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. ISSA, Mr. NUNES, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. FARR, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mr. OSE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To provide for the development of a national plan for the control and management of Sudden Oak Death, a tree disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL PLAN FOR CONTROL AND MANAGE-**
4 **MENT OF SUDDEN OAK DEATH.**

5 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL PLAN.—Subject to
6 the availability of appropriated funds for this purpose, the

1 Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Animal Plant
2 and Health Inspection Service, shall develop a national
3 plan for the control and management of Sudden Oak
4 Death, a forest disease caused by the fungus-like pathogen
5 *Phytophthora ramorum*.

6 (b) PLAN ELEMENTS.—In developing the plan, the
7 Secretary shall specifically address the following:

8 (1) Information derived by the Department of
9 Agriculture from ongoing efforts to identify hosts of
10 *Phytophthora ramorum* and survey the extent to
11 which Sudden Oak Death exists in the United
12 States.

13 (2) Past and current efforts to understand the
14 risk posed by *Phytophthora ramorum* and the re-
15 sults of control and management efforts regarding
16 Sudden Oak Death, including efforts related to re-
17 search, control, quarantine, and hazardous fuel re-
18 duction.

19 (3) Such future efforts as the Secretary con-
20 siders necessary to control and manage Sudden Oak
21 Death, including cost estimates for the implementa-
22 tion of such efforts.

23 (c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall develop the
24 plan in consultation with other Federal agencies that have

1 appropriate expertise regarding the control and manage-
2 ment of Sudden Oak Death.

3 (d) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—The Secretary
4 shall complete the plan and commence implementation as
5 soon as practicable after the date on which funds are first
6 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
7 tions in subsection (e) to carry out this section.

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
9 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums
10 as may be necessary to carry out this section.

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