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To require studies by the Secretary of Agriculture on the effects of food products from cloned animals entering the food supply.

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Mr. BOSWELL (for himself, Mr. KAGEN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. STUDIES AND REPORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT**
4 **OF AGRICULTURE AND THE NATIONAL ACAD-**
5 **EMY OF SCIENCES ON FOOD PRODUCTS**
6 **FROM CLONED ANIMALS.**

7 (a) STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-
8 CULTURE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
2 (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), in
3 coordination with the Economic Research Service,
4 and after consultation with the Secretary of Health
5 and Human Services (acting through the Commis-
6 sioner of Food and Drugs), shall conduct a study on
7 the economic and trade impact of agricultural ex-
8 ports of food products from cloned animals.

9 (2) CONTENT OF STUDY.—The study under
10 paragraph (1) shall include—

11 (A) an analysis of the domestic agricul-
12 tural and international trade economic implica-
13 tions of permitting commercialization of milk
14 and meat from cloned animals and their prog-
15 eny into the food supply, with special attention
16 to—

17 (i) the impact on Federal agricultural
18 expenditures; and

19 (ii) meat and milk exports shifts that
20 would take place as other countries react
21 to that commercialization, including the
22 potential for other countries to ban exports
23 from the United States; and

24 (B) estimates of the consumer and ex-
25 porter behavioral responses that must be

1 factored into both the economic impact analysis
2 and the health impact analysis required under
3 this section.

4 (b) STUDY WITH THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT-
5 ABILITY OFFICE ON MONITORING FOOD PRODUCTS FROM
6 CLONED ANIMALS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordina-
8 tion with Comptroller General of the United States,
9 shall conduct a study on the programs in place at
10 the Department of Agriculture to monitor food prod-
11 ucts from cloned animals if such products enter the
12 food supply.

13 (2) CONTENT OF STUDY.—The study under
14 paragraph (1) shall include an evaluation of the
15 processes in place at the Department of Agriculture
16 to monitor food products from cloned animals
17 throughout the food supply. The study shall also in-
18 clude a review of existing studies and literature,
19 from the United States and other countries and or-
20 ganizations, that relate to the evaluation of the safe-
21 ty of food products from cloned animals and meth-
22 ods for monitoring such products in the food supply.

23 (c) STUDY WITH THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT-
24 ABILITY OFFICE ON THE HEALTH EFFECTS AND COSTS

1 ATTRIBUTABLE TO MILK FROM CLONED ANIMALS IN THE
2 FOOD SUPPLY.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
4 tion with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
5 ices (acting through the Commissioner of Food and
6 Drugs), and in coordination with Comptroller Gen-
7 eral of the United States, shall conduct a study on
8 the health effects and costs attributable to milk from
9 cloned animals in the food supply.

10 (2) CONTENT OF STUDY.—The study under
11 paragraph (1) shall include an evaluation and meas-
12 urement of the potential public health effects and
13 associated health care costs, including any consumer
14 behavior changes and negative impacts on nutrition,
15 and prevention of osteoporosis and other chronic dis-
16 ease that result from any decrease in milk consump-
17 tion, attributable to the commercialization of milk
18 from cloned animals and their progeny.

19 (d) STUDY WITH THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
20 SCIENCES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall contract
22 with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a
23 study and report to Congress regarding the safety of
24 food products derived from cloned animals.

1 (2) CONTENT OF STUDY.—The study under
2 paragraph (1) shall include a review and an assess-
3 ment of whether the studies (including peer review
4 studies), data, and analysis used in the draft risk as-
5 sessment issued by the Food and Drug Administra-
6 tion entitled *Animal Cloning: A Draft Risk Assess-*
7 *ment* (issued on December 28, 2006) supported the
8 conclusions drawn by such draft risk assessment
9 and—

10 (A) whether there were a sufficient number
11 of studies to support such conclusions; and

12 (B) whether additional pertinent studies
13 and data exist which were not considered in the
14 draft risk assessment and how this additional
15 information affects the conclusions drawn in
16 such draft risk assessment.

17 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
18 tion shall be construed to impede ongoing scientific re-
19 search in artificial reproductive health technologies.

20 (f) TIMEFRAME FOR STUDIES.—The Secretary shall
21 complete the studies required under this section prior to
22 issuance by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs of the
23 final risk assessment on the safety of cloned animals and
24 food products derived from cloned animals.

1 (g) CONTINUANCE OF MORATORIUM.—The voluntary
2 moratorium on introducing food from cloned animals or
3 their progeny into the food supply, as in effect on the date
4 of enactment of this Act, shall remain in effect at least
5 until the date that the Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services (acting through the Commissioner of Food and
7 Drugs) issues the final risk assessment described in sub-
8 section (f).

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