

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3893

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to allow for emergency use of certain land during a pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 2020

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pandemic Authority
5 Suitable To Utilize Reserve Easements Act” or the “PAS-
6 TURE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY USE OF LAND ENROLLED IN THE CON-**
2 **SERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM DURING A**
3 **PANDEMIC.**

4 Section 1233(b)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Food Security Act
5 of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3833(b)(1)(B)(i)(I)) is amended—

6 (1) in the matter preceding item (aa), by strik-
7 ing “or other emergency,” and inserting “or other
8 emergency (including a pandemic),”; and

9 (2) in item (cc), by inserting “or pandemic”
10 after “disaster event”.

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