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S. 758

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize the annual enrollment of land in the wetlands reserve program, to extend the wetlands reserve program through 2005, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. DEWINE) 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. WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY.—Section
5 1237(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
6 3837(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
7 ing the following:

1 “(1) ANNUAL ENROLLMENT AUTHORITY.—For
2 each of calendar years 2001 through 2005, the Sec-
3 retary may enroll in the wetlands reserve program
4 not more than 250,000 acres.”.

5 (b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1237(c) of the Food
7 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3837(c)) is amend-
8 ed by striking “2002” and inserting “2005”.

9 (2) FUNDING.—Section 1241(a) of the Food
10 Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)) is amend-
11 ed by striking “2002” and inserting “2005”.

12 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 1237F of
13 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3837f) is
14 amended—

15 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
16 section (c); and

17 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Notwithstanding
20 chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, for purposes
21 of carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary may enter
22 into a cooperative agreement with a State, a political sub-
23 division of a State, or any organization or person, for the
24 acquisition of goods or services (including personal serv-
25 ices) if the Secretary determines that—

1 “(1) the purposes of the agreement serve wet-
2 land conservation;

3 “(2) all parties to the agreement contribute re-
4 sources to the accomplishment of the purposes; and

5 “(3) the agreement furthers the purposes of
6 this subchapter.”.

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