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S. 1653

To prohibit imports into the United States of grain and grain products from Canada, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CONRAD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The Canadian Government has imposed a
6 ban on the importation of durum wheat from the
7 United States because of an outbreak of karnal bunt
8 in Arizona.

9 (2) The ban applies to all imports of durum
10 wheat from the United States, including wheat from

1 States where no evidence of karnal bunt has been
2 found.

3 (3) No karnal bunt has been found in any
4 wheat produced in Montana, North Dakota, South
5 Dakota, Minnesota, or in the Great Lakes region.

6 (4) The Canadian Government has stated that
7 due to the cold climate in Canada there is no risk
8 of an outbreak of karnal bunt in Canada.

9 (5) Canada's ban on shipments of durum wheat
10 through the Great Lakes ports is unjustifiable and
11 the ban places unnecessary restrictions on shipments
12 of other wheat through the Great Lakes ports.

13 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST ENTRY OF CERTAIN CANA-**
14 **DIAN GRAIN PRODUCTS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall pro-
17 hibit the entry, or withdrawal from warehouse for con-
18 sumption, of all grain products (described in heading 1001
19 or 1101.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the
20 United States) which are produced, grown, or manufac-
21 tured in Canada.

22 (b) DURATION.—The prohibition imposed under sub-
23 section (a) shall remain in full force and effect until the
24 Secretary of Agriculture and the United States Trade
25 Representative—

1 (1) determine that Canada has removed the
2 prohibition on imports described in subsection (c),
3 and that durum wheat products produced in the
4 United States are permitted full and fair access to
5 the markets of such country; and

6 (2) submit to the Congress the determination
7 under paragraph (1), together with the reasons un-
8 derlying the determination.

9 (c) PROHIBITION DESCRIBED.—The prohibition de-
10 scribed in this subsection is a prohibition on the importa-
11 tion of durum wheat products produced in the United
12 States where there is not sufficient evidence that karnal
13 bunt exists with respect to such wheat.

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