

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2844

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 1997

Mr. FAZIO of California (for himself and Mr. DOOLEY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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. PROVIDING EQUITABLE PAYMENTS TO STATES**

4 **FOR THE BENEFIT OF COUNTIES IN WHICH**

5 **NATIONAL FORESTS ARE SITUATED.**

6 Section 13982 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation

7 Act of 1993 is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a)(2) by striking “and that  
2           are affected” and all that follows through the end of  
3           the sentence and inserting a period; and

4           (2) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph  
5           (2) to read as follows:

6           “(2) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—

7           “(A) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal  
8           years 1998 through 2003, the payment to each  
9           State for the benefit of each county in the State  
10          referred to in paragraph (1) shall be equal to  
11          the sum of the payments for each county in the  
12          State as calculated under subparagraph (B).

13          “(B) PAYMENTS FOR COUNTIES.—The  
14          payment for each county referred to in subpara-  
15          graph (A) shall be equal to the greater of—

16                  “(i) the special payment amount for  
17                  the county; or

18                  “(ii) the share of the 25-percent pay-  
19                  ments to States allocable to the county.”.

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