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# H. R. 861

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 1997

Mr. MORAN of Kansas 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. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING**  
4 **CONSERVATION RESERVE CONTRACTS.**

5 (a) **EXTENSION AUTHORIZED.**—Notwithstanding  
6 section 727 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food  
7 and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appro-  
8 priations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104–180; 110 Stat.

1 1600), in the case of a conservation reserve program con-  
2 tract described in subsection (b), the owner or operator  
3 of a farm or ranch who is the party to the contract may  
4 extend the contract for one year if the owner or operator  
5 agrees to accept a rental rate not to exceed the lower of—

6 (1) the existing rental rate under the contract;

7 or

8 (2) the maximum county rental rate established  
9 by the Secretary of Agriculture for the county in  
10 which the land covered by the contract is located.

11 (b) ELIGIBLE CONTRACTS DESCRIBED.—A conserva-  
12 tion reserve program contract referred to in subsection (a)  
13 means a contract that—

14 (1) was entered into under subchapter B of  
15 chapter 1 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Se-  
16 curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.);

17 (2) expires in 1997; and

18 (3) covers land, regarding which the Secretary  
19 of Agriculture rejects a bid to reenroll the land in  
20 the conservation reserve.

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