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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DORGAN 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TRADE COMPENSATION ASSISTANCE PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 417 of the Agricultural
4 Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5677) is amended—

5 (1) by striking subsections (a), (b), and (c) and
6 inserting the following:

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
8 (f), notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the
9 President, any other member of the executive branch, or
10 any other provision of law causes exports from the United
11 States of an agricultural commodity to any country to be
12 suspended for reasons of national security or foreign pol-
13 icy, the Secretary shall carry out a trade compensation
14 assistance program in accordance with this section (re-
15 ferred to in this section as a ‘program’).

16 “(b) COMPENSATION.—Under a program, the Sec-
17 retary shall compensate producers of the agricultural com-
18 modity by making payments available to producers, as
19 provided by subsection (c).

20 “(c) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF COMPENSA-
21 TION.—The amount of a payment made under subsection
22 (b) shall be determined by the Secretary based on the Sec-
23 retary’s estimate of the loss suffered by producers of the
24 agricultural commodity due to any decrease in the price
25 of the commodity as a result of the suspension.”;

1 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “, but not to
2 exceed 3 fiscal years”;

3 (3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
4 following:

5 “(e) FUNDING.—

6 “(1) COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION.—Sub-
7 ject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall use funds
8 of the Commodity Credit Corporation to carry out
9 this section.

10 “(2) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—At the end
11 of each fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall re-
12 imburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for the
13 amount of funds used by the Corporation for the fis-
14 cal year under paragraph (1).”;

15 (4) by striking subsection (g); and

16 (5) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
17 section (g).

18 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-
19 ments made by subsection (a) shall apply to any suspen-
20 sion described in section 417(a) of the Agricultural Trade
21 Act of 1978 (as amended by subsection (a)(1)) that—

22 (1) is imposed after the date of enactment of
23 this Act; or

1 (2) was commenced before the date of enact-
2 ment of this Act and remains in effect on the date
3 of enactment of this Act.

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