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To provide for the establishment of a Department of Agriculture research program to enhance and develop the nitrogen-fixing ability of legumes and other commercial crops.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2001

Mr. SMITH of Michigan 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. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH**

4                       **PROGRAM ON NITROGEN-FIXING BY PLANTS.**

5       (a) RESEARCH PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Agri-

6       culture shall make it a priority to establish a research pro-

7       gram, directly or through grants—

1           (1) to enhance the nitrogen-fixing ability and  
2 efficiency of legumes;

3           (2) to develop new varieties of legumes that fix  
4 nitrogen more efficiently; and

5           (3) to develop new varieties of other commer-  
6 cially important crops that potentially are able to fix  
7 nitrogen.

8           (b) FUNDING SOURCE.—From funds available to the  
9 Secretary for agricultural research, the Secretary shall use  
10 not less than \$5,000,000 to carry out this section.

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