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S. 1354

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide payments to producers of forage crops for losses due to army worms.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2001

Mrs. CARNAHAN (for herself and Mr. LEAHY) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. COMPENSATION OF PRODUCERS FOR FORAGE**

4 **LOSSES DUE TO ARMY WORMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
6 use not more than \$25,000,000 of funds of the Com-
7 modity Credit Corporation to provide payments to pro-
8 ducers of forage crops for losses due to army worms.

9 (b) AMOUNT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a payment
2 made to a producer under this section shall be equal
3 to 65 percent of the average price received by pro-
4 ducers of a forage crop in the crop year (as deter-
5 mined under paragraph (2)) for any deficiency in an
6 established regular cutting greater than 35 percent
7 of the established yield for the cutting, as deter-
8 mined by the Secretary.

9 (2) AVERAGE PRICE.—For the purpose of para-
10 graph (1), the average price received by producers of
11 a forage crop shall be equal to the simple average
12 price received by producers of the crop, as deter-
13 mined by the Secretary, during the immediately pre-
14 ceding 5 crop years, excluding the year in which the
15 average price was the highest and the year in which
16 the average price was the lowest.

17 (3) ADMINISTRATION.—Except as provided in
18 paragraph (1), the amount of a payment made to a
19 producer under this section shall be made in accord-
20 ance with the terms and conditions specified in sec-
21 tion 196 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act
22 (7 U.S.C. 7333).

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