

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1674

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to give preference to local communities in the application consideration process for the conservation reserve program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 2007

Mr. SALAZAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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. CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1234 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16  
5 U.S.C. 3834) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(h) OFFERS BY RESIDENT OWNERS AND OPERA-  
8 TORS.—In determining the acceptability of contract offers  
9 for new enrollments, the Secretary shall, to the maximum

1 extent practicable, give preference to an offer from an  
2 owner or operator that is a resident in the county in which  
3 the land is located, or in a contiguous county, if the land  
4 would provide at least equivalent conservation benefits (as  
5 determined by the Secretary) as compared to land under  
6 competing offers.”.

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