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S. 3709

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to expand the Rural Energy for America Program to include schools in rural areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 20, 2008

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) 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. RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9007 of the Farm Secu-
5 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107)
6 is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and rural small businesses”
8 each place it appears and inserting “, rural small
9 businesses, and rural schools”; and

1 (2) in subsection (b)(6) and (c)(3)(A), by strik-
2 ing “or rural small business” each place it appears
3 and insert “, rural small business, or rural school”.

4 (b) DEFINITION OF RURAL SCHOOL.—Section
5 9007(a) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act
6 of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107(a) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
8 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and indent-
9 ing appropriately; and

10 (2) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
11 the following:

12 “(1) DEFINITION OF RURAL SCHOOL.—In this
13 section, the term ‘rural school’ means a school in a
14 rural area (as defined in section 343(a) of the Con-
15 solidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7
16 U.S.C. 1991(a))).

17 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary”.

18 (c) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Section 9007(g)(1) of
19 the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7
20 U.S.C. 8107(g)(1) is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
22 (D) as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively, and in-
23 denting appropriately;

24 (2) by striking “Of the funds” and inserting
25 the following:

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds”; and
2 (3) by adding at the end the following:

3 “(B) FUNDING FOR RURAL SCHOOLS.—In
4 addition to amounts made available under sub-
5 paragraph (A), of the funds of the Commodity
6 Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use to
7 provide assistance to rural schools under this
8 section, \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years
9 2009 through 2013, to remain available until
10 expended.”.

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