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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To provide for increased payments under the environmental quality incentives program for high-priority practices.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

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To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN

Viz:

1 On page 114, line 2, strike the closing quotation  
2 marks and the following semicolon and insert the fol-  
3 lowing:

4 “(9) INCREASED PAYMENTS FOR HIGH-PRI-  
5 ORITY PRACTICES.—

6 “(A) STATE DETERMINATION.—Each  
7 State, in consultation with the State technical  
8 committee established under section 1261(a) for  
9 the State, shall designate, with respect to the  
10 State or any subdivision of the State, 10 prac-  
11 tices to be eligible for increased payments under

1 subparagraph (B), on the condition that the  
2 practice, as determined by the Secretary—

3 “(i) has received a high Natural Re-  
4 sources Conservation Service evaluation  
5 score for addressing specific causes of im-  
6 pairment relating to excessive nutrients in  
7 groundwater or surface water;

8 “(ii) meets other environmental prior-  
9 ities; and

10 “(iii) is geographically targeted to ad-  
11 dress a natural resource concern in a spe-  
12 cific watershed.

13 “(B) INCREASED PAYMENTS.—Notwith-  
14 standing paragraph (2), the Secretary shall in-  
15 crease the amount that would otherwise be pro-  
16 vided for a practice under this subsection to not  
17 more than 90 percent of the costs associated  
18 with planning, design, materials, equipment, in-  
19 stallation, labor, management, maintenance, or  
20 training.”;