

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To establish expedited revisions of conservation practice standards and require recommendations to the Secretary from State technical committees.

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

S. _____

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

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. BROWN

Viz:

- 1 In section 2502(1)(B), strike “and” at the end.
- 2 In section 2502(2), strike the period at the end and
- 3 insert “; and”.
- 4 In section 2502, add at the end the following:
- 5 (3) in subsection (h)—
- 6 (A) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
- 7 ing the following:
- 8 “(3) EXPEDITED REVISION OF STANDARDS.—
- 9 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment

1 of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, the
2 Secretary shall develop an administrative process
3 for—

4 “(A) expediting the establishment and revi-
5 sion of conservation practice standards; and

6 “(B) considering conservation innovations
7 with respect to any establishment or revision
8 under subparagraph (A).

9 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the
10 date of enactment of the Agriculture Improvement
11 Act of 2018, and every 2 years thereafter, the Sec-
12 retary shall submit to Congress a report on—

13 “(A) the administrative process developed
14 under paragraph (3);

15 “(B) conservation practice standards that
16 were established or revised under that process;
17 and

18 “(C) conservation innovations that were
19 considered under that process.”.

20 In subtitle E of title II, add at the end the following:

21 **SEC. 25__ . STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES.**

22 Section 1262(c) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
23 U.S.C. 3862(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(3) RECOMMENDATIONS TO SECRETARY.—
2 Each State technical committee shall regularly re-
3 view new and innovative technologies and practices,
4 including processes to conserve water and improve
5 water quality and quantity, and make recommenda-
6 tions to the Secretary for further consideration of
7 and possible development of conservation practice
8 standards that incorporate those technologies and
9 practices.”.