

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require research regarding a crop insurance policy for sorghum produced for energy feedstock and other purposes.

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To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. Roberts)

Viz:

1 In section 1614(b), strike "\$100,000,000" and insert
2 "\$97,000,000".

3 After section 11020, insert the following:

4 **SEC. 11021. BIOMASS AND SWEET SORGHUM ENERGY CROP**
5 **INSURANCE POLICIES.**

6 Section 522(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act of
7 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1522(c)) (as amended by section 11021)
8 is amended by adding at the end the following:

9 "(23) BIOMASS AND SWEET SORGHUM ENERGY
10 CROP INSURANCE POLICIES.—

1 “(A) AUTHORITY.—The Corporation shall
2 offer to enter into 1 or more contracts with
3 qualified entities to carry out research and de-
4 velopment regarding—

5 “(i) a policy to insure biomass sor-
6 ghum that is grown expressly for the pur-
7 pose of producing a feedstock for renew-
8 able biofuel, renewable electricity, or
9 biobased products; and

10 “(ii) a policy to insure sweet sorghum
11 that is grown for a purpose described in
12 clause (i).

13 “(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—
14 Research and development with respect to each
15 of the policies described in subparagraph (A)
16 shall evaluate the effectiveness of risk manage-
17 ment tools for the production of biomass sor-
18 ghum or sweet sorghum, including policies and
19 plans of insurance that—

20 “(i) are based on market prices and
21 yields;

22 “(ii) to the extent that insufficient
23 data exist to develop a policy based on
24 market prices and yields, are based on the
25 use of weather indices, including, at a min-

1 imum, excessive or inadequate rainfall, to
2 protect the interests of crop producers; and
3 “(iii) provide protection for production
4 or revenue losses, or both.”.

5 In section 11022(b), strike paragraph (2) and insert
6 the following:

7 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (11) through
8 (23) as paragraphs (10) through (22), respectively.

9 After section 12204, insert the following

10 **SEC. 12205. BIOENERGY COVERAGE IN NONINSURED CROP**
11 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

12 Section 196(a)(2)(B) of the Federal Agriculture Im-
13 provement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C.
14 7333(a)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting “(including those
15 grown expressly for the purpose of producing a feedstock
16 for renewable biofuel, renewable electricity, or biobased
17 products)” after “industrial crops”.

