

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To allow the Secretary of Agriculture to determine funding amounts for technical assistance under conservation programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.

To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENTS intended to be proposed by Ms. HEITKAMP

Viz:

1 In section 1241(c) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841) (as amended by
2 section 2602), strike paragraph (1) and insert the following:

3 “(1) AVAILABILITY.—Commodity Credit Corporation funds made available
4 for a fiscal year for each of the programs specified in subsection (a)—

5 “(A) shall be available for the provision of technical assistance for the programs
6 for which funds are made available as necessary to implement the programs
7 effectively;

8 “(B) **except for technical assistance for the conservation reserve program**
9 **under subchapter B of chapter 1**, shall be apportioned for the provision
10 of technical assistance in the amount determined by the Secretary, at the
11 sole discretion of the Secretary; and

12 “(C) shall not be available for the provision of technical assistance for
13 conservation programs specified in subsection (a) other than the program for
14 which the funds were made available.”.

15 In section 1241(c) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841) (as amended by
16 section 2602), add at the end the following:

1 “(3) COMPLIANCE REPORT.—Not later than November 1 of each year, the Secretary
2 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the
3 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that
4 includes—

5 “(A) a description of the extent to which the requests for highly erodible land
6 conservation and wetland compliance determinations are being addressed in a
7 timely manner;

8 “(B) the total number of requests completed in the previous fiscal year;

9 “(C) the incomplete determinations on record; and

10 “(D) the number of requests that are still outstanding more than 1 year since the
11 date on which the requests were received from the producer.”.