

Cindy Hyde-Smith

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for research and development of a Federal crop insurance high-risk, highly productive batture land policy.

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

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. HYDE-SMITH

Viz:

1 On page 851, line 19, strike the closing quotation
2 marks and the following period and insert the following:

3 “(16) HIGH-RISK, HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE
4 BATTURE LAND POLICY.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—

6 “(i) RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
7 MENT.—The Corporation shall carry out
8 research and development, or offer to enter
9 into 1 or more contracts with 1 or more
10 qualified persons to carry out research and

1 development, regarding a policy to insure
2 producers of corn, cotton, and soybeans—

3 “(I) with operations on highly
4 productive batture land within the
5 Lower Mississippi River Valley below
6 Mississippi River mile 368.44;

7 “(II) that have a history of pro-
8 duction of not less than 5 years; and

9 “(III) that have been impacted
10 by more frequent flooding over the
11 past 10 years due to sedimentation
12 and federally constructed engineering
13 improvements.

14 “(ii) AVAILABILITY OF POLICY OR
15 PLAN OF INSURANCE.—Notwithstanding
16 the last sentence of section 508(a)(1), and
17 section 508(a)(2), the Corporation shall
18 make a policy or plan of insurance de-
19 scribed in clause (i) available if the re-
20 quirements of section 508(h) are met.

21 “(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DE-
22 SCRIBED.—Research and development described
23 in subparagraph (A)(i) shall evaluate the feasi-
24 bility of less cost-prohibitive policies and plans
25 of insurance for batture-land producers in high

1 risk areas, including policies and plans of insur-
2 ance that—

3 “(i) consider premium rate adjust-
4 ments;

5 “(ii) consider automatic yield exclu-
6 sion for consecutive-year losses; and

7 “(iii) allow for flexibility of final plant
8 dates and prevent plant regulations.

9 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
10 after the date of enactment of the Agriculture
11 Improvement Act of 2018, the Corporation
12 shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of
13 the House of Representatives and the Com-
14 mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
15 of the Senate a report that—

16 “(i) examines whether a version of ex-
17 isting policies may be tailored to provide
18 improved coverage for batture-land pro-
19 ducers;

20 “(ii) describes the results of the re-
21 search and development conducted under
22 subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

23 “(iii) includes any recommendations
24 with respect to those results.”.