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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To improve streamlining of conservation programs.

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 Ms. SMITH *and Ms. Ernst*

Viz:

1 In section 2305, strike paragraph (2) and insert the
2 following:

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(b) STREAMLINING AND COORDINATION.—To the
5 maximum extent feasible, the Secretary shall—

6 “(1) provide for streamlined and coordinated
7 procedures for the program and the conservation
8 stewardship program under subchapter B of chapter
9 2, including applications, contracting, conservation
10 planning, conservation practices, and related admin-
11 istrative procedures; and

1 “(2) coordinate management of the program
2 and the conservation stewardship program under
3 subchapter B of chapter 2 to facilitate the ability of
4 a participant in the program to enroll in the con-
5 servation stewardship program after meeting the
6 stewardship threshold (as defined in section 1238D)
7 for not less than 2 priority resource concerns under
8 that program.

9 “(c) SOIL HEALTH.—To the maximum extent fea-
10 sible, the Secretary shall manage the program to enhance
11 soil health.”.