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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Agriculture to update rice base acres on rice farms.

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To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Thune

Viz:

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- 1 In section 1105(a), add at the end the following:
- 2 (4) RICE ADJUSTMENT.—
- 3 (A) ELECTION.—
- 4 (i) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of
- 5 making adverse market payments, the Sec-
- 6 retary shall adjust the rice base acres on
- 7 the farm.
- 8 (ii) NOTICE.—As soon as practicable
- 9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
- 10 Secretary shall provide notice of the base
- 11 adjustment described in clause (i) to pro-
- 12 ducers on farms with rice base acres.
- 13 (B) CALCULATION.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—The base acres for
2 rice on the farm established pursuant to
3 section 1101 of the Farm Security and
4 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
5 7911) shall be equal to the average acreage
6 planted on the farm to rice for harvest or
7 similar purposes for the 2009 through
8 2012 crop years, as determined by the Sec-
9 retary.

10 (ii) INCLUSIONS.—In making the cal-
11 culation described in clause (i), the Sec-
12 retary shall include—

13 (I) any acreage on the farm that
14 the producer was prevented from
15 planting to rice during the 2009
16 through 2012 crop years because of
17 drought, flood, or other natural dis-
18 aster, or other condition beyond the
19 control of the producer;

20 (II) any crop year in which rice
21 was not planted on the farm; and

22 (III) any adjustment, as appro-
23 priate, whenever either of the fol-
24 lowing occurs:

1 (aa) A conservation reserve
2 contract entered into under sec-
3 tion 1231 of the Food Security
4 Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831)
5 with respect to the rice base
6 acres on the farm expires or is
7 voluntarily terminated.

8 (bb) Rice cropland is re-
9 leased from coverage under a
10 conservation reserve contract by
11 the Secretary.

12 (C) LIMIT.—

13 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
14 ensure that the adjustment does not result
15 in a net increase in the total base acres for
16 the farm.

17 (ii) REDUCTION REQUIRED.—If the
18 adjustment in base acres results in a net
19 increase in the total base acres of all cov-
20 ered commodities on the farm, the Sec-
21 retary shall reduce the base acres on the
22 farm for all covered commodities other
23 than rice proportionately, as determined by
24 the Secretary.