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S. 135

To amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to expand country of origin labeling for certain covered commodities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 24, 2005

Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. DORGAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PROCESSED FOOD ITEMS.

Section 281(2)(B) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638(2)(B)) is amended by inserting `clause (iii), (iv), (v), or (vi) of' before `subparagraph (A)'.

SEC. 2. APPLICABILITY.

Section 285 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638d) is amended by striking `2006' and inserting `2005'.

SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.

(a) In General- Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the amendment made by section 1.

(b) Final Rule- Nothing in this Act requires the Secretary to delay the publication of final regulations under section 284(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638c(b)).

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