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**S. 108**

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

**January 24, 2005**

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

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**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. ANNUAL CONDITION ON APPLICATION OF FINAL RULE REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMAL-RISK REGIONS, INCLUDING CANADA, FOR BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY AND IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN BOVINE**

# RUMINANT PRODUCTS.

If mandatory country of origin labeling is not required for the retail sale of a covered commodity during any calendar year under subtitle D of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638 et seq.), during that calendar year--

(1) the final rule issued by the Secretary of Agriculture on January 4, 2005, amending parts 93, 94, 95, and 96 of title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations to establish standards for the designation of minimal-risk regions for the introduction of bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States, to provide for the importation of certain ruminants, ruminant products, and ruminant byproducts from such minimal-risk regions, and to designate Canada as a minimal-risk region (and any successor regulations) shall not apply; and

(2) any bovine ruminant product that (as of the date of enactment of this Act) was permitted to be imported into the United States from Canada, may not be imported into the United States from Canada.

*END*