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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide additional flexibility with respect to certain contributions if the entity completes the certification process established by the Secretary of Agriculture.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—112th Cong., 2d Sess.

(no.) _____

To reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, 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

Viz:

1 In section 1265B(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985

2 (as added by section 2301(a))—

3 (1) in the heading, strike “COST-SHARE AS-
4 SISTANCE” and insert “GRANTS”;

5 (2) in paragraph (1), strike “cost-share assist-
6 ance” and insert “grants”; and

7 (3) in paragraph (2), strike subparagraph (C)

8 and insert the following:

9 “(C) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary

10 may—

1 “(i) in the case of grassland of special
2 environmental significance, as determined
3 by the Secretary, provide up to 75 percent
4 of the fair market value of the agricultural
5 land easement; and
6 “(ii) enter into an agreement with an
7 entity certified under paragraph (5) that
8 waives the requirements of subparagraph
9 (B)(ii) for a project of special signifi-
10 cance.”.