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H. R. 4298

To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to allow grazing as a mid-contract management practice in the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Mrs. HARTZLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “CRP Grazing Flexi-
5 bility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRAZING AS MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT.**

7 (a) SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES PERMITTED.—Section
8 1233(b) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.
9 3833(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and
2 inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

6 “(6) grazing pursuant to section 1232(a)(5)
7 without any reduction in the rental rate, if the graz-
8 ing is consistent with the conservation of soil, water
9 quality, and wildlife habitat.”.

10 (b) COST SHARING PAYMENTS.—Section 1234(b) of
11 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3834(b)) is
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(6) MID-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT GRAZING.—
14 The Secretary may not make any cost sharing pay-
15 ment to an owner or operator under this subchapter
16 for any grazing undertaken pursuant to section
17 1232(a)(5).”.

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