

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5634

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to require the public disclosure of crop insurance premium subsidies made on behalf of Members of Congress and their immediate families, Cabinet Secretaries and their immediate families, and entities of which any such individual or combination of such individuals is a majority shareholder, and to require the public disclosure of the underwriting gains earned by private insurance provider and the business expenses covered by the Federal Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Mr. PETERS of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Hiding Congres-
3 sional Farm Subsidies Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF CROP INSURANCE PREMIUM SUB-**
5 **SIDIES MADE ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF**
6 **CONGRESS AND CERTAIN OTHER INDIVID-**
7 **UALS AND ENTITIES.**

8 Section 502(c) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7
9 U.S.C. 1502(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new paragraphs:

11 “(5) DISCLOSURE OF CROP INSURANCE PRE-
12 MIUM SUBSIDIES MADE ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF
13 CONGRESS AND CABINET SECRETARIES.—

14 “(A) DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.—Notwith-
15 standing paragraph (1) or any other provision
16 of law, the Secretary shall make available to the
17 public, on an annual basis—

18 “(i) the name of each individual or
19 entity specified in subparagraph (B) who
20 obtained a federally subsidized crop insur-
21 ance, livestock, or forage policy or plan of
22 insurance (other than a catastrophic risk
23 protection plan offered under section
24 508(b)) during the previous fiscal year;

25 “(ii) the amount of premium subsidy
26 received by that individual or entity from

1 the Corporation for such policy or plan of
2 insurance; and

3 “(iii) the amount of any Federal por-
4 tion of indemnities paid in the event of a
5 loss during that fiscal year for policy or
6 plan of insurance.

7 “(B) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—Subpara-
8 graph (A) applies with respect to the following:

9 “(i) Members of Congress and their
10 immediate families.

11 “(ii) Cabinet Secretaries and their im-
12 mediate families.

13 “(iii) Entities of which any individual
14 described in clause (i) or (ii), or a com-
15 bination of such individuals, is a majority
16 shareholder.

17 “(6) DISCLOSURE OF BENEFITS FOR PRIVATE
18 INSURANCE PROVIDERS.—Notwithstanding para-
19 graph (1) or any other provision of law, the Sec-
20 retary shall make available to the public, on an an-
21 nual basis, regarding each private insurance pro-
22 vider, by name—

23 “(A) the underwriting gains earned
24 through participation in the federally subsidized
25 crop insurance program; and

1 “(B) the amount paid under this subtitle
2 for administrative and operating expenses, any
3 Federal portion of indemnities and reinsurance,
4 and any other purpose.”.

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