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S. 194

To amend the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to help offset the costs of intrastate transportation, storage, and distribution of bonus commodities provided to States and food assistance agencies under the emergency food assistance program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 9, 2009

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Bonus TEFAP Assist-
5 ance Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE FOR COSTS OF DISTRIBUTING BONUS**
2 **COMMODITIES.**

3 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

4 (1) to encourage States and food assistance
5 agencies to accept commodities acquired by the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture for farm support and surplus
7 removal activities; and

8 (2) to offset the costs of the States and food as-
9 sistance agencies for the intrastate transportation,
10 storage, and distribution of the commodities.

11 (b) COSTS OF DISTRIBUTING BONUS COMMOD-
12 ITIES.—Section 202 of the Emergency Food Assistance
13 Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7502) is amended by inserting after
14 subsection (a) the following:

15 “(b) COSTS OF DISTRIBUTING BONUS COMMOD-
16 ITIES.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use
18 funds made available under section 32 of the Act of
19 August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), to provide fund-
20 ing described in paragraph (2) to eligible recipient
21 agencies to offset the costs of the agencies for intra-
22 state transportation, storage, and distribution of
23 commodities described in subsection (a).

24 “(2) FUNDING.—The Secretary shall provide
25 funding described in paragraph (1) to an eligible re-
26 cipient agency at a rate equal to the lower of \$0.05

1 per pound or \$0.05 per dollar value of commodities
2 described in subsection (a) that are made available
3 under this Act to, and accepted by, the eligible re-
4 cipient agency.”.

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