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To require the establishment of a working group to evaluate the threat to food safety and animal health posed by beef imported from Brazil, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. LUJÁN) 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. WORKING GROUP ON BEEF IMPORTED FROM**
4 **BRAZIL.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Agriculture shall establish a working
9 group—

1 (A) to evaluate the threat posed by beef
2 and beef products imported from Brazil to food
3 safety and animal health in the United States;
4 and

5 (B) to make recommendations to the Sec-
6 retary with respect to whether the importation
7 of beef and beef products from Brazil into the
8 United States should be permitted.

9 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall ensure
10 that the working group established under paragraph
11 (1) includes—

12 (A) experts on food safety;

13 (B) experts on animal health; and

14 (C) representatives of U.S. Customs and
15 Border Protection and other Federal agencies
16 with responsibilities relating to international
17 trade.

18 (b) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS.—Beef
19 and beef products imported from Brazil may not enter the
20 United States during the period—

21 (1) beginning on the date of the enactment of
22 this Act; and

23 (2) ending on the date on which the working
24 group established under subsection (a)(1) submits to

- 1 the Secretary the recommendations required by sub-
- 2 paragraph (B) of that subsection.

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