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To amend the Clean Air Act to conform the definition of renewable biomass to the definition given the term in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2009

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. CHAMBLISS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. DEFINITION OF RENEWABLE BIOMASS.**

4 Section 211(o)(1) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
5 7545(o)(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph (I) and
6 inserting the following:

7 “(I) RENEWABLE BIOMASS.—The term ‘re-
8 newable biomass’ means—

1 “(i) materials, pre-commercial thin-
2 nings, or invasive species from National
3 Forest System land and public lands (as
4 defined in section 103 of the Federal Land
5 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
6 U.S.C. 1702)) that—

7 “(I) are byproducts of preventive
8 treatments that are removed—

9 “(aa) to reduce hazardous
10 fuels;

11 “(bb) to reduce or contain
12 disease or insect infestation; or

13 “(cc) to restore ecosystem
14 health;

15 “(II) would not otherwise be used
16 for higher-value products; and

17 “(III) are harvested in accord-
18 ance with—

19 “(aa) applicable law and
20 land management plans; and

21 “(bb) the requirements
22 for—

23 “(AA) old-growth main-
24 tenance, restoration, and
25 management direction of

1 paragraphs (2), (3), and (4)
2 of subsection (e) of section
3 102 of the Healthy Forests
4 Restoration Act of 2003 (16
5 U.S.C. 6512); and

6 “(BB) large-tree reten-
7 tion of subsection (f) of that
8 section; or

9 “(ii) any organic matter that is avail-
10 able on a renewable or recurring basis
11 from non-Federal land or land belonging to
12 an Indian or Indian tribe that is held in
13 trust by the United States or subject to a
14 restriction against alienation imposed by
15 the United States, including—

16 “(I) renewable plant material, in-
17 cluding—

18 “(aa) feed grains;

19 “(bb) other agricultural
20 commodities;

21 “(cc) other plants and trees;

22 and

23 “(dd) algae; and

24 “(II) waste material, including—

25 “(aa) crop residue;

1 “(bb) other vegetative waste
2 material (including wood waste
3 and wood residues);

4 “(cc) animal waste and by-
5 products (including fats, oils,
6 greases, and manure); and

7 “(dd) food waste and yard
8 waste.”.

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