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H. R. 995

[Report No. 115-]

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior
to amend regulations for racial appropriateness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition
to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined
by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions
as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

NOVEMBER --, 2017

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with amendments

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 9, 2017]

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to amend regulations for racial appropriateness.

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 “21st Century Respect*
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS REQUIRED.**

7 *(a) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary of*
8 *Agriculture shall amend section 1901.202 of title 7, Code*
9 *of Federal Regulations, for purposes of—*

10 *(1) replacing the reference to the term “Negro or*
11 *Black” with “Black or African American”;*

12 *(2) replacing the reference to the term “Spanish*
13 *Surname” with “Hispanic”; and*

14 *(3) replacing the reference to the term “Oriental”*
15 *with “Asian American or Pacific Islander”.*

16 *(b) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary of*
17 *the Interior shall amend section 906.2 of title 36, Code of*
18 *Federal Regulations, for purposes of—*

19 *(1) replacing the references to the term “Negro”*
20 *with “Black or African American”;*

21 *(2) replacing the definition of “Negro” with the*
22 *definition of “Black or African American” as “a per-*
23 *son having origins in any of the Black racial groups*
24 *of Africa”;*

1 (3) replacing the references to the term “Ori-
2 ental” with “Asian American or Pacific Islander”;
3 and

4 (4) replacing the references to the terms “Es-
5 kimo” and “Aleut” with “Alaska Native”.

6 **SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

7 Nothing in this Act, or the amendments required by
8 this Act, shall be construed to affect Federal law, except
9 with respect to the use of terms by the Secretary of Agri-
10 culture and the Secretary of the Interior, respectively, to
11 the regulations affected by this Act.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations.”.