Jackson (TX) Emergency Grazing on Conservation Reserve Program Acres Report Amendment to H.R. 8467, The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024

Offered by Representative Ronny Jackson

This amendment would direct USDA to report to Congress on the process to authorize emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Programs acres in the event of a wildfire. This report would also provide any recommendations to expedite authorizations or statutory changes needed to expand the use of emergency grazing during the Primary Nesting Season.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8467 OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

Add at the end of subtitle B of title II the following:

1	SEC. 2108. REPORT ON EMERGENCY GRAZING ON CON-
2	SERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM ACRES DUE
3	TO WILDFIRES.
4	Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
.5	of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare and
6	submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of
7	Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
8	tion, and Forestry of the Senate a report on authorizing
9	emergency grazing on acres enrolled in the conservation
0	reserve program under subchapter B of chapter 1 of title
1	XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831
2	et seq.) in response to wildfires, which report shall in-
3	clude—
4	(1) an overview of the implementation of the
5	emergency grazing authorization for the conserva-
6	tion reserve program under section 1233(b)(1)(B) of
7	such Act;
8.	(2) a detailed description of the processes need-
9	ed to initiate such authorization of emergency graz-
20	ing in response to wildfires;

1	(3) how such emergency grazing can be author-
2	ized in counties outside of an eligible county with 40
3	percent or greater losses in forage due to significant
4	loss of hay and pasture production resulting from a
5	wildfire;
6	(4) effects of the primary nesting season on the
7	ability of livestock producers to use the conservation
8	reserve program to mitigate grazing losses from
9	burned acres;
10	(5) any recommendations to expedite the proc-
11	ess of authorizing and using such emergency grazing
12	in response to wildfires; and
13	(6) any recommendations for statutory changes
14	to allow for expansion of the use of such emergency
15	grazing during the primary nesting season in re-
16	sponse to ongoing wildfires.