

118TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS OF**
4 **BEEF AND BEEF PRODUCTS FROM PARA-**
5 **GUAY.**

6 Beef and beef products imported from Paraguay may
7 not enter the United States during the period—

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

3 (2) ending on the date on which the working
4 group established under section 2 submits the rec-
5 ommendations required by subsection (a)(3) of that
6 section if the working group determines under sub-
7 section (a)(1) of that section that beef and beef
8 products imported from Paraguay do not pose a
9 threat to food safety and animal health in the
10 United States.

11 **SEC. 2. WORKING GROUP ON BEEF IMPORTED FROM PARA-**
12 **GUAY.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
15 culture shall establish a working group—

16 (1) to evaluate the threat posed by beef and
17 beef products imported from Paraguay to food safe-
18 ty and animal health in the United States;

19 (2) to report on the most recent disease data
20 and conduct additional research on the threat to
21 food safety and animal health; and

22 (3) to make recommendations to the Secretary
23 with respect to whether the importation of beef and
24 beef products from Paraguay into the United States
25 should be permitted.

1 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall ensure that
2 the working group established under subsection (a) in-
3 cludes—

4 (1) experts on food safety;

5 (2) experts on animal health; and

6 (3) representatives of U.S. Customs and Border
7 Protection and other Federal agencies with respon-
8 sibilities relating to international trade.