

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: Expressing a sense of the Senate for support of funding restoration for agriculture research and extension.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—108th Cong., 2d. Sess.

S. Con. Res. 95

Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

Amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Grassley (for himself, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Feingold, and Mr. Schumer)

Viz:

1 At the end of title V, add the following:

2 **SEC. 5 . SENSE OF THE SENATE SUPPORTING FUNDING**

3 **RESTORATION FOR AGRICULTURE RE-**

4 **SEARCH AND EXTENSION.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) funding for 33 programs administered by

7 the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Ex-

8 tension Service of the Department of Agriculture

1 were each reduced by 10 percent in the Agriculture,
2 Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration,
3 and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 (118
4 Stat. 9);

5 (2) those cuts are already hurting a wide range
6 of proven programs that help people, communities,
7 and businesses;

8 (3) the cuts have put at risk important ad-
9 vances made in all 50 States and United States ter-
10 ritories, including—

11 (A) combating obesity through programs
12 such as the Expanded Food and Nutrition Edu-
13 cation Program;

14 (B) expanding environmentally-minded
15 pest management programs;

16 (C) ensuring food safety; and

17 (D) educating farmers and ranchers about
18 new sustainable agricultural practices;

19 (4) the National Research Initiative is the flag-
20 ship competitive grants program funded through the
21 Cooperative State Research, Education, and Exten-
22 sion Service;

23 (5) because of limited funding the Service is
24 able to fund only a small fraction of the meritorious

1 research proposals that the Service receives under
2 the National Research Initiative program; and

3 (6) base funding at the Service that supports
4 the research infrastructure has fallen steadily over
5 the past decade.

6 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
7 Senate that levels in this concurrent resolution assume
8 that in making appropriations and revenue decisions, the
9 Senate supports—

10 (1) the restoration of the 33 accounts of the
11 Cooperative State Research, Education, and Exten-
12 sion Service;

13 (2) the fiscal year 2005 funding of the National
14 Research Initiative; and

15 (3) the fiscal year 2005 funding of competitive
16 research programs of the Cooperative State Re-
17 search, Education, and Extension Service in an
18 amount that is adequate to—

19 (A) fight obesity and stave off chronic dis-
20 eases;

21 (B) combat insects and animal and plant
22 diseases;

23 (C) establish new crops, improved live-
24 stock, and economic opportunities for pro-
25 ducers; and

- 1 (D) keep pathogens and other dangers out
- 2 of the air, water, soil, plants, and animals.