

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Tactics  
5 to Obstruct the Population of Screwworms Act” or the  
6 “STOP Screwworms Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FACILITY.**

8       The Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301  
9 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 10409A (7  
10 U.S.C. 8308a) the following:

1   **“SEC. 10409B. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FA-**  
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3           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after  
4 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
5 begin construction on 1 or more modular New World  
6 screwworm fly rearing facilities in eligible areas described  
7 in subsection (b). Such a facility shall, in addition to pro-  
8 viding for the rearing of sterile New World screwworm  
9 flies, provide for the dispersal of such flies to areas at risk  
10 of New World screwworm fly infestation.

11          “(b) ELIGIBLE AREA DESCRIBED.—An eligible area  
12 described in this subsection is an area of a State that the  
13 Secretary determines to be—

14               “(1) at risk of New World screwworm fly infes-  
15 tation due to the migratory pattern of confirmed de-  
16 tections of New World screwworm flies; and

17               “(2) suitable for dispersal of sterile New World  
18 screwworm flies reared at a New World screwworm  
19 fly rearing facility established under this section to  
20 additional areas at risk of New World screwworm fly  
21 infestation.

22          “(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
23 of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the  
24 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture  
25 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
26 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, and

1 make publicly available on the website of the Department  
2 of Agriculture, a report that includes—

3 “(1) an analysis of the current threat posed to  
4 agriculture in the United States by New World  
5 screwworm flies; and

6 “(2) a description of—

7 “(A) the efforts being taken by the Sec-  
8 retary to combat New World screwworm fly mi-  
9 gration, including construction and operation of  
10 the facilities described in subsection (a); and

11 “(B) the effectiveness of such efforts.

12 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
14 out this section \$300,000,000, to remain available until  
15 expended.”.