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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to publish information related to orders under commodity promotion laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. SPARTZ introduced the following bill; which was 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Checkoff Transparency
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSPARENCY OF RECORDS OF COMMODITY**
2 **BOARDS.**

3 Section 501 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement
4 and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7401) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) through (f)
6 as subsections (e) through (g);

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(d) **TRANSPARENCY OF RECORDS OF COMMODITY**
10 **BOARDS.—**

11 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**For each order issued by
12 the Secretary under a commodity promotion law, the
13 Secretary shall publish on the website of the Depart-
14 ment of Agriculture the following information:

15 “(A) The reports of audits submitted by
16 each commodity board to the Secretary for each
17 fiscal year pursuant to section 515(g)(2).

18 “(B) The activities and budgets of each
19 commodity board approved by the Secretary for
20 each fiscal year.

21 “(C) The results of each periodic inde-
22 pendent evaluation described in subsection (e).

23 “(2) **PUBLICATION TIMELINE.—**In carrying out
24 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

25 “(A) not later than 180 days after the date
26 of enactment of this subsection, publish the in-

1 formation described in such paragraph with re-
2 spect to the 5 full fiscal years preceding such
3 date of enactment; and

4 “(B) not later than 365 days after the end
5 of any subsequent fiscal year, publish the infor-
6 mation described in such paragraph with re-
7 spect to such fiscal year.”; and

8 (3) in subsection (f)(4) (as so redesignated), by
9 striking “subsection (f)” and inserting “subsection
10 (g)”.