111TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 3150

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE (for himself, Mr. Ross, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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,

1SECTION 1. COMPENSATION FOR ECONOMIC LOSSES DUE2TO LOSS OF POULTRY PRODUCTION CON-3TRACTS WITH BANKRUPT POULTRY PROC-4ESSING COMPANY.

5 Using not more than \$50,000,000 of amounts in the fund established under section 32 of the Act of August 6 7 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), and the authority provided by 8 paragraph (3) of the second sentence of such section, the 9 Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Farm Service 10 Agency, shall provide compensation to poultry producers 11 whose poultry production contracts were terminated or not renewed during the period beginning on July 1, 2008, and 12 13 ending on the date of the enactment of this Act, because 14 of the closure of poultry processing plants and other cost 15 cutting measures undertaken by a poultry processing com-16 pany in bankruptcy protection. A poultry producer seeking 17 compensation under this section shall be required to document to the satisfaction of the Secretary the termination 18 19 or non-renewal of a production contract and the subse-20quent economic losses incurred by the producer as a result 21 of the termination or non-renewal of the contract by the 22 poultry processing company.