

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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screwworm fly rearing facilities, and for other purposes.

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FACILI-**  
2 **TIES.**

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

6 **“SEC. 10409B. NEW WORLD SCREWORM FLY REARING FA-**  
7 **CILITIES.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after  
9 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
10 begin construction on 1 or more modular New World  
11 screwworm fly rearing facilities (referred to in this section  
12 as ‘covered facilities’) in eligible areas described in sub-  
13 section (c).

14 “(b) FACILITIES.—A covered facility shall provide  
15 for—

16 “(1) the rearing of sterile New World  
17 screwworm flies; and

18 “(2) the dispersal of sterile New World  
19 screwworm flies to areas at risk of New World  
20 screwworm fly infestation.

21 “(c) ELIGIBLE AREA DESCRIBED.—An eligible area  
22 referred to in subsection (a) is an area of a State that  
23 the Secretary determines to be—

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

1           “(2) suitable for dispersal of sterile New World  
2           screwworm flies reared at a covered facility estab-  
3           lished under this section to additional areas at risk  
4           of New World screwworm fly infestation.

5           “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
6           of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the  
7           Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture,  
8           Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee  
9           on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and make  
10          publicly available on the website of the Department of Ag-  
11          riculture, a report that includes—

12               “(1) an analysis of the current threat posed to  
13              agriculture in the United States by New World  
14              screwworm flies; and

15               “(2) a description of—

16                       “(A) the efforts being taken by the Sec-  
17                      retary to combat New World screwworm fly mi-  
18                      gration, including construction and operation of  
19                      covered facilities; and

20                       “(B) the effectiveness of those efforts.

21           “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
22           is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry  
23           out this section \$300,000,000, to remain available until  
24           expended.”.