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H. R. 979

To amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to modify the definition of the term “biobased product”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. SOUTHERLAND, Ms. FOXX, Mr. HURT, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. HANNA, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. WELCH, Mr. JONES, Mr. BENISHEK, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BONNER, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. LABRADOR, Mr. COTTON, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. KILMER, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. COHEN, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. DELBENE, and Ms. BONAMICI) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Forest Products Fair-
3 ness Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF BIOBASED PRODUCT.**

5 Section 9001 of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
6 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101) is amended—

7 (1) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(4) BIOBASED PRODUCT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘biobased
11 product’ means a product determined by the
12 Secretary to be a commercial or industrial prod-
13 uct (other than food or feed) that is—

14 “(i) composed, in whole or in signifi-
15 cant part, of biological products, including
16 renewable domestic agricultural materials
17 and forestry materials; or

18 “(ii) an intermediate ingredient or
19 feedstock.

20 “(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘biobased
21 product’, with respect to forestry materials, in-
22 cludes forest products that meet biobased con-
23 tent requirements, notwithstanding the market
24 share the product holds, the age of the product,
25 or whether the market for the product is new
26 or emerging.”;

1 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (9) through
2 (14) as paragraphs (10) through (15), respectively;
3 and

4 (3) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(9) FOREST PRODUCT.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘forest prod-
8 uct’ means a product made from materials de-
9 rived from the practice of forestry or the man-
10 agement of growing timber.

11 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘forest prod-
12 uct’ includes—

13 “(i) pulp, paper, paperboard, pellets,
14 lumber and other wood products; and

15 “(ii) any recycled products derived
16 from forest materials.”.

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