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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Zborovsky-Fenster of Vermont introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "This act may be cited as the "Kelp Integration Act".

SECTION 2. CREATING STANDARD SAFE INTEGRATION METHODS

The United States shall alter the feeding mechanisms concerning cattle to reduce methane emissions by using seaweed and will be abiding by EPA and FDA standards in cattle byproducts-

(1) Such that the US shall work in conjunction with the NGO "Ocean Approved" to provide the exportation of seaweed towards CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Farm Operations) that contain over 75,000 cattle.

(2) Such that the US shall meet EPA standards for Bromoform content within each farm by assessing and establishing feeding ratios, eliminating Bromoform risk from seaweed in cattle by-products.

(3) Such that the US shall only apply these initiatives after these standards have been met.

SECTION 3: COMMUNICATION FROM THE DOA

Annual Reports from this bill will be significant in the implementation of Seaweed in CAFOs going forward.

(1) Such that the Department of Agriculture shall submit annual reports to Congress summarizing the progress, findings, and investments made through the research and development initiatives supported by this section.

SECTION 4: FUNDING TOWARDS OCEAN APPROVED

The United States shall appropriately provide the monetary assistance required to promote Seaweed exportation from "Ocean approved".

(1) Such that the United States Government shall create a one-time CAFO-Seaweed Grant towards "Ocean Approved" with a total sum of \$12,000,000.

SECTION 5: TAX INCENTIVES FOR EFFICIENT CAFO OPERATION

To further incentivize the efficient operation of CAFOs implementing seaweed-based meals in cattle diets, the United States shall provide tax incentives to eligible farmers.

(1) Such that eligible farmers, as defined by the Department of Agriculture, shall be those who meet the following criteria:

(a) Maintain a CAFO with a minimum of 75,000 cattle.

(b) Adhere to the standards and guidelines set forth by the EPA and FDA regarding the use of seaweed-based meals in cattle diets.

- (c) Demonstrate a significant reduction in methane emissions as a result of implementing seaweed-based meals.
- (2) Such that the tax incentives provided shall include:
- (a) This bill will reduce the corporate tax rate from 21% to 15% for the conditions specified in this bill.
- (b) Accelerated depreciation on eligible CAFO equipment and infrastructure used in the implementation of seaweed-based meals.
- (c) Tax credits for eligible research and development expenses related to improving the efficiency of seaweed integration in cattle diets.
- (3) Such that The Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Internal Revenue Service, shall establish the specific eligibility requirements, tax incentives, and reporting procedures necessary to implement this section.
- (4) Such that eligible farmers shall be required to provide annual documentation and reports demonstrating their compliance with the tax incentive program and the impact of seaweed integration on methane emissions reduction.
- (5) Such that the tax incentives provided under this section shall be subject to the existing laws and regulations governing tax incentives and shall not exempt eligible farmers from fulfilling their tax obligations under applicable federal tax laws.

SECTION 6 SUNSET CLAUSE

- (1) This bill will sunset after 3 years and will need to be reevaluated by the Senate.