



S. 1983 – Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act

FLOOR SITUATION

S. 1983 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) on August 2, 2007. The Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent on August 2, 2007. It was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

S. 1983 is expected to be considered on the floor on September 24, 2007.

BACKGROUND

The Environmental Protection Agency is charged with regulating the sale, distribution, and use of pesticides in the United States in order to protect the U.S. food supply and environment. The EPA imposes fees on pesticide manufacturers and distributors in order help pay for EPA pesticide regulation activities. According to the Congressional Research Service, in fiscal year 2006, the EPA collected \$39.7 million in pesticide fees – \$25.8 million in registration service fees and \$13.9 million in maintenance fees.

SUMMARY

S. 1983 extends the authority for the Environmental Protection Agency to collect pesticide registration service fees through FY2012. The current authority expires at the end of fiscal year 2008.

Maintenance Fees: The bill sets the maximum annual fee payable for registrants with 50 or fewer pesticide registrations at \$71,000 (current FY2007 level - \$68,000) and for registrants with more than 50 pesticide registrations at \$123,000 (current FY2007 level - \$117,000). Additionally, the maximum annual fee for small businesses with 50 or fewer registrations is \$50,000 (current FY2007 level - \$48,000) and for small businesses with more than 50 registrations is \$86,000 (current FY2007 level - \$82,000).

Tolerance Fees: The bill continues the current prohibition of tolerance fees.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that S. 1983 will have no net cost.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[Environmental Protection Agency: Regulating Pesticides](#)

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