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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5439

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2010

Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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. OFFSETTING UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS**  
2 **TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY**  
3 **BUILDING FUND WITH REDUCTIONS IN COT-**  
4 **TON DIRECT PAYMENTS.**

5 Section 1103 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy  
6 Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8713) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(6), by striking “Upland”  
8 and inserting “Subject to subsection (e), upland”;  
9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

12 “(e) EFFECT OF WTO COTTON DISPUTE.—The Sec-  
13 retary shall reduce the payment rate for upland cotton  
14 under subsection (b) as necessary so that reductions in  
15 the amount of direct payments made to producers for up-  
16 land cotton offset the full cost of any United States con-  
17 tributions to the fund established by the United States  
18 and Brazil to provide technical assistance and capacity  
19 building, as part of the resolution of the cotton dispute  
20 brought by Brazil against the United States in the World  
21 Trade Organization.”.

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