

## Amendment offered by Mr. Costa

### GRP- Priority for Long-term Contracts and Easements

- Amendment would place emphasis on long-term rather than short-term benefits on protection of grasslands. Benefits would include habitats for at-risk species for future generations, protection of open spaces, reduce water runoff, reduce soil erosion, provide flood protection, improve air quality, increase carbon sequestration, and provide recreational opportunities.

**AMENDMENT TO FARM BILL**  
**OFFERED BY MR. COSTA OF CALIFORNIA**

In subsection (b) of section 1238N of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3838n), as being amended by section 2104, strike paragraph (3) and insert the following new paragraph:

1           “(3) PRIORITY FOR LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS  
2           AND EASEMENTS.—Of the total number of acres en-  
3           rolled in the program at any one time through the  
4           methods described in paragraph (2)(A), the Sec-  
5           retary shall ensure that at least 60 percent of the  
6           acres were enrolled through the use of 30-year rental  
7           agreements and permanent and long-term easements  
8           described in clause (ii) of such paragraph.”.