

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1284

To clarify the treatment of carbon emissions from forest biomass, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 11, 2015

Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. CARBON EMISSIONS FROM FOREST BIOMASS.**

4 In taking an action regarding air emissions from an
5 energy source or facility that uses forest biomass, the Ad-
6 ministrators of the Environmental Protection Agency shall
7 assume that forest biomass emissions do not increase over-
8 all carbon accumulations in the atmosphere if—

9 (1) a Forest Inventory and Analysis of the De-
10 partment of Agriculture that is current at the time

1 the action is taken shows that forest carbon stocks
2 in the United States are stable or increasing; or

3 (2) the forest biomass is derived from mill re-
4 siduals, harvest residuals, or forest management ac-
5 tivities.

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