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H. R. 995

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior
to amend regulations for racial appropriateness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition
to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined
by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions
as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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of the Interior to amend regulations for racial appropriateness.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Respect
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS REQUIRED.**

2 (a) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary
3 of Agriculture shall amend section 1901.202 of title 7,
4 Code of Federal Regulations, for purposes of—

5 (1) replacing the reference to the term “Negro
6 or Black” with “Black or African American”;

7 (2) replacing the reference to the term “Span-
8 ish Surname” with “Hispanic”; and

9 (3) replacing the reference to the term “Ori-
10 ental” with “Asian American or Pacific Islander”.

11 (b) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary
12 of the Interior shall amend section 906.2 of title 36, Code
13 of Federal Regulations, for purposes of—

14 (1) replacing the references to the term
15 “Negro” with “Black or African American”;

16 (2) replacing the definition of “Negro” with the
17 definition of “Black or African American” as “a per-
18 son having origins in any of the Black racial groups
19 of Africa”;

20 (3) replacing the references to the term “Ori-
21 ental” with “Asian American or Pacific Islander”;

22 (4) replacing the references to the terms “Es-
23 kimo” and “Aleut” to “Alaska Native”; and

24 (5) replacing the definition of “Eskimo” and
25 “Aleut” to have the same meaning as the term “Na-

- 1 tive” has in section 3(b) of the Alaska Native Claims
- 2 Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602(b)).

