

## S 629

### Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act of 2025

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Agriculture and Food

**Introduced:** Feb 19, 2025

**Current Status:** Presented to President.

**Latest Action:** Presented to President. (Jun 30, 2026)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/629>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Luján, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 19, 2025
Sen. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 19, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 19, 2025
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 24, 2026

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 1462	Related bill	Oct 27, 2025: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 212.

## **Emergency Conservation Program Improvement Act of 2025**

This bill revises the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) to expand eligibility for payments to agricultural producers and owners of forest land impacted by natural disasters. The bill also provides additional options to receive an advance on cost-sharing payments before carrying out emergency measures.

The bill expands advance ECP payments to include the replacement, repair, or restoration of farmland or conservation structures requiring an immediate response. Producers may receive an advance on cost-sharing payments for 75% of the cost of the replacement and 50% of the cost of the repair or restoration. Current law limits advance payments to 25% of the cost of the repair or replacement of fencing.

Under EFRP, the bill allows owners of nonindustrial private forest land impacted by a natural disaster to receive an advance on cost-sharing payments for up to 75% of the cost of the emergency measures. Currently, advance payments are not available under the program.

ECP and EFRP recipients must use the funds within 180 days after the funds are disbursed. This provides additional time to ECP recipients who currently must use the funds within 60 days.

The bill also expands eligibility for payments under the programs to include emergency measures to address damages caused by (1) a wildfire that is not caused naturally, if the damage is caused by the spread of the wildfire due to natural causes; and (2) a wildfire that is caused by the federal government.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 30, 2026:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 23, 2026:** Mr. Lucas moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 23, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4137-4138)
- **Jun 23, 2026:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 629.
- **Jun 23, 2026:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jun 23, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4192)
- **Jun 23, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 368 - 19 (Roll no. 223). (text: CR H4137)
- **Jun 23, 2026:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 368 - 19 (Roll no. 223). (text: CR H4137)
- **Jun 23, 2026:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 23, 2026:** Considered under suspension of the rules.
- **Jun 23, 2026:** Considered as unfinished business.
- **Jun 23, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 368 - 19 (Roll no. 223).
- **Jun 23, 2026:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 368 - 19 (Roll no. 223).
- **Mar 24, 2026:** Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 24, 2026:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Mar 24, 2026:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1565; text: CR S1565)
- **Mar 24, 2026:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 24, 2026:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 24, 2026:** Held at the desk.
- **Feb 19, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 19, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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