

**Bill Introduced to reform USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

Sen. Rounds – U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) introduced legislation to reform the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), which is in charge of making wetland determinations. Among other things, Rounds’ legislation would guarantee landowners a wetland redetermination process, reform the NRCS appeals process and create a state oversight committee, comprised of local farmers and ranchers, to review the NRCS’ determination process. Additional cosponsors include Sens. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.).

“South Dakota’s farmers, ranchers and landowners know their land better than anyone else,” said Rounds. “They’re on the frontlines of conservation efforts to make certain our natural resources are available for future generations. They don’t need the heavy-hand of government interfering with their ability to use and manage their own land.”