

WASHINGTON — Deadline pressure to pass the farm bill has sown disagreement among even the Midlands Republicans who typically work together on a bill vital to their districts.

The issue has pitted members like Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb., and Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa, against such frequent agricultural allies as Nebraska Republican Reps. Lee Terry and Adrian Smith.

Fortenberry and Boswell are simply trying to force a farm bill vote onto the House floor before the Sept. 30 deadline, on which the current farm bill expires, while Terry and Smith aren't quite sold, saying they'd like to see more cuts from food stamps first.

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