

Committee Passes Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000
(June 27, 2000)

Washington, DC --Today, the House Committee on Agriculture, led by Chairman Larry Combest (R-TX), passed by voice vote, legislation (H.R. 4541) sponsored by Rep. Tom Ewing (R-IL), which reauthorizes the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) and modernizes laws for futures, futures options, and other derivatives including swaps.

"While there are vast competing interests in this legislation, almost everyone agrees that there is a great need for a more directed, more flexible, and less obtrusive regulatory framework for our futures and derivatives markets if we intend to keep those markets in this country," Combest said. "Moreover, almost everyone realizes the need to provide legal certainty for derivative transactions which have become such important risk management tools in the modern financial world."

Before passing H.R. 4541, the Committee accepted by voice vote the Chairman's en bloc amendment. Among other provisions, the amendment:

- 1) allows agricultural and metal commodity futures to be traded on a derivatives transaction execution facility if the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) creates rules for such trading.
- 2) requires a derivatives clearing organization to be registered by the CFTC unless it is already registered by the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), a federal banking regulator, or a recognized foreign regulatory authority.
- 3) allows bilateral transactions of certain exempt commodities, including energy derivatives, by eligible participants. With the exception of metal commodities, these futures may also be traded on an electronic trading facility.
- 4) permits U.S. futures commission merchants to sell to U.S. citizens certain foreign stock and index futures transacted on foreign markets.

The Committee also accepted by voice vote an amendment offered by Ranking Member Charlie Stenholm which contains Congressional findings about the changing and global nature of derivatives markets. The amendment also includes a Sense of Congress resolution regarding the importance of the CFTC's role in coordinating with foreign regulatory authorities, participating in international regulatory organizations and forums, and providing technical assistance to foreign governmental authorities.

"While more work remains to be done, I support the bill and believe we have a tremendous opportunity to take a step forward in modernizing our futures trading laws this year," said Stenholm (D-TX). "If we have to wait another year, we deprive our industry of the opportunity to innovate and to compete in the international marketplace. The time to act is now."

Authorization for the Commodity Exchange Act expires on September 30, 2000. The Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 reauthorizes the CEA for five years and would reform the Act in three primary ways:

- 1) incorporates the President's Working Group findings on legal certainty for over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives;

2) codifies the regulatory relief proposal of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC);

3) reforms the Shad-Johnson jurisdictional accord regarding futures on securities.

“Inevitably, there are still contentious issues that have not been fully resolved. I want to assure everyone that we will continue to work to resolve these problems as the legislative process continues,” Combest said. “A great deal of effort has gone into this bill and there is still much to do.”

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The Rural America Prosperity Act of 2000

When the 1996 Farm Bill was passed into law, Congress and the President made commitments to the agricultural community to work on opening foreign markets, easing the tax and regulatory burden and providing new risk management tools for farmers. Now, four years after passage of the Freedom to Farm bill, the commitments have not been fulfilled. Rather than dismantling the 1996 Farm bill, we should be completing the promises we made to farmers. The Rural America Prosperity Act fulfills these commitments by taking action in four areas: tax relief, risk management, regulatory reform, and trade.

Tax Relief for Farmers.

Deductibility of Health Care Insurance Costs - Under current law, farmers will not be able to deduct 100% of the costs of their health care insurance until 2002. We should provide full deductibility of health care insurance costs immediately so that farmers and ranchers can provide for their family's health care needs. The Rural America Prosperity Act will immediately allow for full deduction of health care insurance costs for farmers and the self-employed.

Capital Gains Tax Relief - With nearly one-third of producers currently over the retirement age of 65, many farmers are beginning to unlock the savings and investments that they have accumulated in buildings and farmland. When divesting themselves of these assets, farmers will face a significant capital gains tax liability. Under current law, married individuals may exclude from capital gains tax \$500,000 from the sale of a primary residence. The intent behind this provision is to encourage Americans to save and invest in the family home. For farmers, their primary investment is their farmland, not their home. This provision puts farmers on equal tax footing by offering a matching exclusion for farmland from the capital gains tax by providing a \$500,000 exclusion from capital gains on the sale of a farm.

Estate Tax Repeal - The estate and gift tax falls disproportionately hard on our agricultural producers. Ninety-five percent of farms and ranch operations are sole proprietorships or family partnerships, subjecting a vast majority of these businesses to the threat of inheritance taxes. According to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures, farmers are six times more likely to face inheritance taxes than other Americans. And commercial farm estates--those core farms that produce 85 percent of our nation's agricultural products--are fifteen times more likely to pay inheritance taxes than other individuals. The onerous estate tax, which can be as high as 55 percent, forces farmers and ranchers to sell land, buildings or equipment to pay the government's toll. This bill will do the following:

- End the Death Tax over a period of 10 years.
- Increase the unified credit over the next 5 years to \$1 million.
- Lower all rates uniformly over the next 10 years.
- Repeal step-up basis for assets exceeding \$1.3 million for individuals and \$3 million for spouses.
- Expand the use of conservation easements by subjecting a greater number to a partial exclusion from the estate tax.

Risk Management for Farmers.

To the credit of Congress and the President, we were able to pass comprehensive crop insurance reform this year. But saving for unprofitable years is still difficult in agriculture because farm income is needed for operating expenses and to purchase supplies. Comprehensive agricultural reform in 1996 should have included a way for farmers to manage their own risk and not be forced to go to the government in difficult price years. This legislation will create Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) accounts. FARRM accounts are tax-deferred accounts into which farmers could deposit up to 20 percent of the annual farm income to be used in low-price years.

The Rural America Prosperity Act also will solve a problem with income averaging and the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Farmers' income often fluctuates from year to year based on unforeseen weather or market conditions. Income averaging allows farmers to ride out these unpredictable circumstances by spreading out their income over a period of years. Due to interaction with the AMT, many farmers have been unfairly denied the benefits of income averaging. This bill will ensure that farmers are not disqualified from using income averaging due to the AMT calculation. Farmers will still pay taxes but will also have access to this important tool designed to alleviate the inevitable ups and downs of the agricultural economy.

Regulatory Relief for Farmers.

Farmers are the best stewards of America's natural resources. Ironically, they have become victims of some of the most onerous regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency. The Rural America Prosperity Act mandates that the General Accounting Office assess the overall cost of complying with Federal regulations and recommend reasonable alternatives to these regulations at less cost to farmers, ranchers and foresters.

Trade Reform for Farmers.

Presidential Fast Track Authority

American agricultural prosperity depends on the opening of foreign markets. The United States simply cannot consume all that it produces. The United States Department of Agriculture has estimated that free farm trade would translate into a boon of up to \$60 billion for American farmers. This sum makes the recent farm relief Congress has completed look paltry. To fully achieve open markets for American goods, we must give the President fast track authority. The Rural America Prosperity Act will give the President fast track trade authority.

Trade Agreements Authority. Authorizes a 6-year fast track authority for the President. Parameters for reduction of subsidies and tariffs are established.

Consultations. Procedures regarding consultations with Congress prior to negotiations and prior to entering into an agreement are established. Procedures for consultations with the agriculture committees in the House and Senate are included.

Implementation of Trade Agreements. Establishes procedures for Congressional ratification of trade agreements negotiated under fast track authority and necessary changes in affected laws.

Agricultural exemption from economic sanctions

The Institute for International Economics estimates that unilateral economic sanctions cost the United States \$15 to \$19 billion in lost exports each year. Sanctions have increased significantly in recent years resulting in 61 unilateral economic sanctions on 35 countries. U.S. sanctions prohibit the export of agricultural products to Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, and North Korea. For example, unilateral sanctions exist in countries representing over 11 percent of the potential wheat exports. The Rural America Prosperity Act would open these countries to American commodities by requiring that agricultural products be exempted from U.S. unilateral economic sanctions. Commercial sales (excluding all government subsidized trade programs such as PL 480) involving United States agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products, would be exempted from unilateral agricultural sanctions imposed by the United States. This exemption can be overridden by the President for reasons of foreign policy or national security if the Congress does not approve a joint resolution disapproving the determination of the President. This provision applies to current and future sanctions.



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Help for cranberry industry

Federal panel OKs bill providing \$50 million

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Federal legislation that would provide \$50 million in taxpayer-financed assistance to the nation's financially troubled cranberry industry has passed a major congressional hurdle.

The agricultural appropriations bill, approved Thursday night by a House-Senate conference committee, includes \$20 million in direct payments for cranberry growers and \$30 million for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to buy cranberry products for school lunch and other meal programs.

The money would be spent in the federal government's 2001 fiscal year.

The conference committee results were announced Friday by U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl and U.S. Rep. David Obey, both Wisconsin Democrats. Wisconsin leads the nation in cranberry production, with more than 200 growers and several juice plants operated by Wisconsin Rapids-based Northland Cranberries Inc. and Massachusetts-based Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc.

The bill still needs approval from the full Senate and full House. Typically, items included in conference committee reports receive such approvals.

Industry leaders said the \$50 million would help an industry reeling from plunging berry prices brought on by a nationwide oversupply.

Cranberry prices have dropped an average of 85% from the 1997 harvest to as low as \$10 per barrel expected for this fall's harvest. The average cost of production is \$35 per barrel.

"Congress is moving decisively to preserve a proud American industry," Ocean Spray's chief executive officer, Rob Hawthorne, said in a prepared statement. "They clearly recognize the economic importance of cranberry agriculture to the states which produce this unique fruit."

John Wilson, Ocean Spray's vice president of grower relations, and John Swendrowski, Northland's chief executive officer, said cranberry growers and juice processors need to increase demand for their products. Most of the nation's cranberries are used to make bottled juice.

Swendrowski also said the cranberry industry needs to show discipline in following a federal order that will reduce this fall's harvest by 15% in an effort to shore up prices.

"There's a huge burden on the industry now to police itself," Swendrowski said.

The conference committee bill includes:

- Direct cash payments to growers of \$20 million for market loss assistance. The payments would be based on each

grower's 1999 production statistics and could add \$3 to \$5 per barrel. The average price for the 1999 harvest totaled \$17 per barrel.

- Authorization for government purchases of \$30 million worth of cranberry juice concentrate or frozen berries for the nation's school lunch programs and other meal programs. That could reduce the current cranberry inventory of 4 million barrels by 20% to 25%. A million-barrel reduction in the surplus could increase the per-barrel price for growers by \$7 to \$15 a barrel.

The measures are the centerpiece of an industry recovery plan proposed in September.

The plan, which also continues to seek emergency loans for cranberry growers, has been criticized by some conservative economists. They argue that the best way to reduce the cranberry glut and raise prices is to allow an industry shakeout, which would force some growers out of business.

DID YOU KNOW?

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H.R.5051

Sponsor: Rep Kind, Ron (introduced 7/27/2000)

Latest Major Action: 7/27/2000 Referred to House committee

Title: To provide direct **payments** to **dairy** producers for any month in which the prices received by milk producers for milk for the preceding three months is less than a target price of \$12.50 per hundredweight.

8/4/2000 Ref to House Subcommittee ✓

Jump to: Titles, Status, Committees, Related Bill Details, Amendments, Cosponsors, Summary

TITLE(S): (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**
National Family Farm **Dairy** Equity Act of 2000

- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**

Gov. To provide direct **payments** to **dairy** producers for any month in which the prices received by milk producers for milk for the preceding three months is less than a target price of \$12.50 per hundredweight.

STATUS: (*color indicates Senate actions*)

7/27/2000:

Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<u>House Agriculture</u>	Referral

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

COSPONSORS(5), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: by date)

Rep Baldacci, John Elias - 7/27/2000 Rep Baldwin, Tammy - 7/27/2000

Rep Houghton, Amo - 7/27/2000 Rep Obey, David R. - 7/27/2000

Rep Sanders, Bernard - 7/27/2000

SUMMARY AS OF:
7/27/2000--Introduced.

National Family Farm **Dairy** Equity Act of 2000 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to make a direct **payment** to milk producers whenever the (three-month) average milk price for a given month is less than a specified target price.

Bill Summary & Status for the 106th Congress**Item 27 of 33****PREVIOUS | NEXT****PREVIOUS:ALL | NEXT:ALL****NEW SEARCH | HOME | HELP****H.R.3864**Sponsor: Rep Obey, David R. (introduced 3/8/2000)

Latest Major Action: 3/20/2000 Referred to House subcommittee

Title: To extend the milk price support program through 2002 at an increased price support rate.

Jump to: Titles, Status, Committees, Related Bill Details, Amendments, Cosponsors, Summary**TITLE(S):** (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**
To extend the milk price support program through 2002 at an increased price support rate.

STATUS: (*color indicates Senate actions*)**3/8/2000:**

Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

3/20/2000:

Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture.

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<u>House Agriculture</u>	Referral
<u>Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture</u>	Referral

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

COSPONSORS(3), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: by date)Rep Baldwin, Tammy - 3/8/2000 Rep Hinchey, Maurice D. - 3/8/2000Rep Sanders, Bernard - 3/28/2000**SUMMARY AS OF:**

3/8/2000--Introduced.

Amends the Agricultural **Market** Transition Act to extend and increase support rates for the milk

price support program.

Delays the effective date of the commercial **dairy** processor recourse loan program.

Bill Summary & Status for the 106th Congress**Item 3 of 4****PREVIOUS | NEXT****PREVIOUS:ALL | NEXT:ALL****NEW SEARCH | HOME | HELP****H.R.2324**Sponsor: Rep Obey, David R. (introduced 6/23/1999)

Latest Major Action: 6/28/1999 Referred to House subcommittee

Title: To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to terminate Federal milk **marketing** orders and to replace such orders with a program to verify receipts of milk.Jump to: Titles, Status, Committees, Related Bill Details, Amendments, Cosponsors, Summary**TITLE(S):** (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)• **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to terminate Federal milk **marketing** orders and to replace such orders with a program to verify receipts of milk.**STATUS:** (*color indicates Senate actions*)**6/23/1999:**

Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

6/28/1999:

Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture.

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<u>House Agriculture</u>	Referral
<u>Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture</u>	Referral

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

COSPONSOR(S):

NONE

SUMMARY AS OF:

6/23/1999--Introduced.

Amends the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural **Marketing** Agreement Act of 1937, to terminate milk **marketing** order authority.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to verify the receipts of all cow's milk **marketed** in the 48 contiguous States, which shall include: (1) specified **market** services; (2) reporting requirements; (3) handler assessments; (4) producer **marketing** agreement authority; and (5) a prohibition on **marketing** limitations.

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S.2773

Sponsor: Sen Feingold, Russell D. (introduced 6/22/2000)

Latest Major Action: 6/22/2000 Referred to Senate committee

Title: A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to enhance dairy markets through dairy product mandatory reporting, and for other purposes.

SUMMARY AS OF:

6/22/2000--Introduced.

Dairy Market Enhancement Act of 2000 - Amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program of mandatory dairy product information reporting.

Directs the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to study and report to Congress respecting dairy product reporting measures at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

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S.2706Sponsor: Sen Santorum, Rick (introduced 6/8/2000)

Latest Major Action: 6/8/2000 Referred to Senate committee

Title: A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to establish a program to provide dairy farmers a price safety net for small- and medium-sized dairy producers.

Jump to: Titles, Status, Committees, Related Bill Details, Amendments, Cosponsors, Summary

TITLE(S): (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**
National Dairy Farmers Fairness Act of 2000
- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**
A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to establish a program to provide dairy farmers a price safety net for small- and medium-sized dairy producers.

STATUS: (*color indicates Senate actions*)**6/8/2000:**

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<u>Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry</u>	Referral

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

COSPONSORS(1), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: by date)Sen Kohl, Herb - 6/8/2000**SUMMARY:**

NONE

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Latest Major Action: 3/8/2000 Referred to Senate committee

Title: A bill to continue for 2000 the Department of Agriculture program to provide emergency assistance to **dairy** producers.Jump to: Titles, Status, Committees, Related Bill Details, Amendments, Cosponsors, Summary**TITLE(S):** (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)• **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**A bill to continue for 2000 the Department of Agriculture program to provide emergency assistance to **dairy** producers.**STATUS:** (*color indicates Senate actions*)**3/8/2000:**

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<u>Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry</u>	Referral

RELATED BILL DETAILS: (additional related bills may be identified in Status)

Bill:	Relationship:
<u>H.R.3863</u>	Identical bill identified by CRS

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

COSPONSORS(5), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: by date)

<u>Sen Baucus, Max</u> - 3/29/2000	<u>Sen Feingold, Russell D.</u> - 3/8/2000
<u>Sen Santorum, Rick</u> - 3/8/2000	<u>Sen Schumer, Charles E.</u> - 3/8/2000
<u>Sen Wellstone, Paul D.</u> - 3/8/2000	

SUMMARY AS OF:

3/8/2000--Introduced.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to use specified Commodity Credit Corporation funds to provide assistance to **dairy farmers** for economic losses incurred in 2000.

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S.567

Sponsor: Sen Kohl, Herb (introduced 3/9/1999)

Latest Major Action: 3/9/1999 Referred to Senate committee

Title: A bill to amend the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 to ensure that all persons who benefit from the dairy promotion and research program contribute to the cost of the program.

Jump to: Titles, Status, Committees, Related Bill Details, Amendments, Cosponsors, Summary

TITLE(S): (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**
Dairy Promotion Fairness Act
- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**
A bill to amend the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 to ensure that all persons who benefit from the dairy promotion and research program contribute to the cost of the program.

STATUS: (*color indicates Senate actions*) (Floor Actions/Congressional Record Page References)

3/9/1999:

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<u>Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry</u>	Referral

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

COSPONSORS(2), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: by date)

Sen Feingold, Russell D. - 3/9/1999 Sen Leahy, Patrick J. - 6/15/2000

SUMMARY AS OF:

3/9/1999--Introduced.

Dairy Promotion Fairness Act - Amends the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 to define "imported dairy product" and "importer" for purposes of the dairy promotion program.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint (up to two) dairy importers to the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board if such representation is required by another law or treaty to which the United States is a party.

Requires dairy importers to contribute to the dairy promotion program.

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BILL TITLE: Agriculture and Rural Development Appropriations for FY 2001

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Diaz-Balart	Linder	<i>Taylor (MS)</i>
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Doolittle	Manzullo	Thornberry
<i>Doyle</i>	<i>Martinez</i>	Thune
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English	<i>Meek (FL)</i>	Vitter
<i>Etheridge</i>	<i>Meeks (NY)</i>	Walden
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Everett	Metcalf	Wamp
Ewing	<i>Millender-McDonald</i>	Watkins
<i>Farr</i>	Miller (FL)	<i>Watt (NC)</i>
Fletcher	Miller, Gary	Watts (OK)
Foley	<i>Mink</i>	<i>Weiner</i>
<i>Ford</i>	<i>Moakley</i>	Weldon (FL)
Fossella	<i>Mollohan</i>	Weldon (PA)
Fowler	<i>Moore</i>	Weller
Franks (NJ)	Moran (KS)	<i>Wexler</i>
Frelinghuysen	Morella	Whitfield

<i>Frost</i>	<i>Murtha</i>	Wicker
Galleghy	Myrick	Wilson
Ganske	<i>Nadler</i>	<i>Wise</i>
<i>Gejdenson</i>	<i>Napolitano</i>	Wolf
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<i>Baldwin</i>	<i>Inslee</i>	<i>Pelosi</i>
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Barton	<i>Kennedy</i>	Petri
<i>Berkley</i>	<i>Kind (WI)</i>	<i>Rivers</i>
<i>Berman</i>	<i>Klecza</i>	Rohrabacher
<i>Blumenauer</i>	<i>Kucinich</i>	Royce
<i>Brady (PA)</i>	<i>Lantos</i>	<i>Rush</i>
<i>Brown (OH)</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Sabo</i>
<i>Capuano</i>	<i>Lewis (GA)</i>	Salmon
<i>Carson</i>	<i>Lofgren</i>	Sanford
<i>Clay</i>	<i>Luther</i>	<i>Schakowsky</i>
Coburn	<i>Maloney (CT)</i>	Sensenbrenner
<i>Conyers</i>	<i>Maloney (NY)</i>	Shays
<i>Coyne</i>	<i>Markey</i>	<i>Stark</i>
Crane	<i>McDermott</i>	Sununu
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<i>DeGette</i>	<i>McKinney</i>	<i>Tierney</i>
<i>Delahunt</i>	<i>Meehan</i>	<i>Towns</i>
<i>Deutsch</i>	Mica	<i>Udall (CO)</i>
<i>Doggett</i>	<i>Miller, George</i>	<i>Velazquez</i>
<i>Eshoo</i>	<i>Minge</i>	<i>Waters</i>
<i>Fattah</i>	<i>Moran (VA)</i>	<i>Waxman</i>
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<i>Frank (MA)</i>	<i>Oberstar</i>	<i>Wu</i>
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Campbell	<i>McNulty</i>	<i>Smith (WA)</i>
Chenoweth-Hage	Norwood	<i>Vento</i>
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H.R.4461 (Major Legislation)Sponsor: Rep Skeen, Joe (introduced 5/16/2000)Related Bills: H.RES.513, H.RES.538, S.2536, S.2586

Latest Major Action: 7/20/2000 Resolving differences / Conference -- Senate actions

Title: Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

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TITLE(S): (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- **POPULAR TITLE(S):**
FY2001 Agriculture Appropriations bill (identified by CRS)
- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001
Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000
- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**
Making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

STATUS: (*color indicates Senate actions*)**5/16/2000 8:15pm:**The House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. 106-619, by Mr. Skeen.**5/16/2000 8:15pm:**

Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 338.

5/25/2000 12:46am:Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 513 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4461 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be read by paragraph. Bill is open to amendments.**6/28/2000 3:29am:**Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 538 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4461 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be read by paragraph. Bill is open to amendments.**6/28/2000 11:04pm:**Rule H. Res. 538 passed House.**6/29/2000 10:30am:**Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 538. (consideration: CR H5442-5460, H5533-5598; text of Title I as reported in House: CR H5458-5468; text of Title II as reported in

House: CR [H5468-5476](#); text of Title III as reported in House: CR [H5476-5478](#); text of Title IV as reported in House: CR [H5478-5482](#); text of Title V as reported in House: CR [H5593](#); text of Title VI as reported in House: CR [H5594](#))

6/29/2000 10:30am:

House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to [H. Res. 538](#) and Rule XXIII.

6/29/2000 10:30am:

The Speaker designated the Honorable Jim Nussle to act as Chairman of the Committee.

6/29/2000 12:04pm:

[H.AMDT.934](#) Amendment (A001) offered by Mr. Metcalf. (consideration: CR [H5534](#); text: CR [H5534](#))

Amendment sought to increase FDA funding by \$40,000 to validate the Tulane University Medical School diagnostic test on the Gulf War Syndrome and decrease USDA Departmental Administration funding.

6/29/2000 12:10pm:

[H.AMDT.934](#) On agreeing to the Metcalf amendment (A001) Failed by voice vote.

6/29/2000 12:10pm:

[H.AMDT.935](#) Amendment (A002) offered by Mr. Ney. (consideration: CR [H5534-5535](#), [H5596-5597](#); text: CR [H5534](#))

Amendment sought to increase funding for North Appalachian Experimental Watershed Research Station risk assessments by \$100,000 and decrease USDA administration, communications, and inspector general funding accordingly.

6/29/2000 12:23pm:

[H.AMDT.936](#) Amendment (A003) offered by Mrs. Clayton. (consideration: CR [H5536-5537](#); text: CR [H5536](#))

Amendment increases by \$7 million the bill's funding for the 1890 land grant educational institutions. The amendment offsets by reducing funding for the Agricultural Research Service by an equal amount.

6/29/2000 12:26pm:

[H.AMDT.936](#) On agreeing to the Clayton amendment (A003) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 12:31pm:

[H.AMDT.937](#) Amendment (A004) offered by Mr. Tierney. (consideration: CR [H5538-5540](#); text: CR [H5538](#))

An amendment numbered 22 printed in the Congressional Record to earmark \$500,000 to conduct a study on the health risks related to genetically engineered food.

6/29/2000 12:45pm:

[H.AMDT.937](#) Mr. Skeen raised a point of order against the Tierney amendment (A004). Mr. Skeen stated that the amendment sought to include authorization language in an appropriations bill and as such, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order. (consideration: CR [H5540](#))

6/29/2000 12:47pm:

[H.AMDT.938](#) Amendment (A005) offered by Mr. Hefley. (consideration: CR [H5540-5541](#), [H5597](#); text: CR [H5540](#))

Amendment sought to eliminate the \$200,000 funding for the asparagus competitiveness grant and harvester.

6/29/2000 12:56pm:

[H.AMDT.939](#) Amendment (A006) offered by Mr. Sanford. (consideration: CR [H5541-5547](#); text: CR [H5541](#))

Amendment sought to reduce the funding for special agricultural research grants by \$14 million (from \$74 million to \$60 million) in order to return the funding level to that of FY 2000.

6/29/2000 1:43pm:

H.AMDT.939 On agreeing to the Sanford amendment (A006) Failed by voice vote.

6/29/2000 1:57pm:

H.AMDT.940 Amendment (A007) offered by Mr. Weiner. (consideration: CR H5549-5551; text: CR H5549)

Amendment reduces Animal and Plant Health Inspection Health Service funding by \$15,510, the amount used for the inspection of imported Iranian food products.

6/29/2000 2:06pm:

H.AMDT.940 On agreeing to the Weiner amendment (A007) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 2:16pm:

H.AMDT.941 Amendment (A008) offered by Ms. Kaptur. (consideration: CR H5552-5555; text: CR H5552)

An amendment numbered 14 printed in the Congressional Record that increases the funding in the bill for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service by \$53 million.

6/29/2000 2:28pm:

H.AMDT.941 Mr. Skeen raised a point of order against the Kaptur amendment (A008). Mr. Skeen stated that the amendment sought to change existing law and as such, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order. (consideration: CR H5554-5555)

6/29/2000 2:43pm:

H.AMDT.942 Amendment (A009) offered by Mr. Hayes. (consideration: CR H5556-5562; text: CR H5556)

Amendment adds a new paragraph to provide that any limitation on funds to carry out research related to the production, processing, or marketing of tobacco or tobacco plants shall not apply to research on the medical, biotechnological, food and industrial uses of tobacco.

6/29/2000 2:47pm:

H.AMDT.942 On agreeing to the Hayes amendment (A009) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 2:47pm:

H.AMDT.943 Amendment (A010) offered by Mr. Miller (FL). (consideration: CR H5562-5565; text: CR H5562)

An amendment numbered 43 printed in the Congressional Record to limit to \$54 million the USDA expenditures for the purchase of raw or refined sugar from sugarcane or sugar beets.

6/29/2000 3:07pm:

H.AMDT.943 Mr. Latham raised a point of order against the Miller (FL) amendment (A010). Mr. Latham stated that the amendment sought to change existing law and as such, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order. (consideration: CR H5565)

6/29/2000 4:22pm:

H.AMDT.944 Amendment (A011) offered by Mr. Berry. (consideration: CR H5574-5577; text: CR H5574)

Amendment eliminates funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and transfers funding of \$693,000 to Resource Conservation and Development programs for resolution of small family farm and ranch regulatory issues with the Environmental Protection Agency.

6/29/2000 4:47pm:

H.AMDT.944 On agreeing to the Berry amendment (A011) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 4:47pm:

H.AMDT.945 Amendment (A012) offered by Mrs. Kelly. (consideration: CR H5577-5580; text: CR H5577)

Amendment strikes the provision in the bill that prohibits conservation funding from being

used for the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

6/29/2000 4:59pm:

H.AMDT.945 On agreeing to the Kelly amendment (A012) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 5:03pm:

H.AMDT.946 Amendment (A013) offered by Mr. Hefley. (consideration: CR H5581-5584, H5598; text: CR H5581)

Amendment sought to eliminate the bill's funding of \$2 million for USDA's agri-tourism program.

6/29/2000 5:33pm:

H.AMDT.947 Amendment (A014) offered by Mrs. Clayton. (consideration: CR H5585-5586; text: CR H5585)

Amendment provides up to \$5,400,000 for use in a demonstration program to be carried out by the Secretary of Agriculture to determine the timeliness, quality, suitability, efficiency, and cost of utilizing modular housing to re-house low-income elderly families who have lost their homes due to a major disaster or because they are unable to repay a direct housing loan.

6/29/2000 5:42pm:

H.AMDT.947 On agreeing to the Clayton amendment (A014) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 5:52pm:

H.AMDT.948 Amendment (A015) offered by Mr. Stupak. (consideration: CR H5588-5591; text: CR H5588)

Amendment increases the bill's funding for USDA's Nutrition Program for the Elderly by \$20 million. The offset for this amount comes from Foreign Assistance funds (P.L. 480, Title II.)

6/29/2000 6:24pm:

H.AMDT.948 On agreeing to the Stupak amendment (A015) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 6:24pm:

H.AMDT.949 Amendment (A016) offered by Mr. Reyes. (consideration: CR H5591-5593; text: CR H5591)

Amendment strikes the bill's provision that prohibits the use of funds for a "Colonias initiative" which is a program designed to improve the living standards of "colonias"--severely impoverished U.S. communities along the southwest border with Mexico.

6/29/2000 6:41pm:

H.AMDT.949 On agreeing to the Reyes amendment (A016) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 6:41pm:

H.AMDT.950 Amendment (A017) offered by Ms. Kaptur. (consideration: CR H5593-5594; text: CR H5593)

Amendment allows the United States Agency for International Development to employ contractors for administrative expenses and delivery of Public Law 480, Food for Peace commodities.

6/29/2000 6:46pm:

H.AMDT.950 On agreeing to the Kaptur amendment (A017) Agreed to by voice vote.

6/29/2000 6:46pm:

H.AMDT.951 Amendment (A018) offered by Mr. Kucinich. (consideration: CR H5594-5596; text: CR H5594)

An amendment numbered 42 printed in the Congressional Record to earmark \$500,000 in the bill's FDA funding to be used for drafting guidance on how to assess genetically engineered food products for "allergenicity" or the presence of potential food allergens. The amendment also requires a report to Congress by the end of FY 2001.

6/29/2000 7:04pm:

H.AMDT.951 By unanimous consent, the Kucinich amendment was withdrawn.

6/29/2000 7:27pm:

H.AMDT.935 On agreeing to the Ney amendment (A002) Failed by recorded vote: 94 - 326 (Roll no. 359).

6/29/2000 7:36pm:

H.AMDT.938 On agreeing to the Hefley amendment (A005) Failed by recorded vote: 132 - 287 (Roll no. 360).

6/29/2000 7:44pm:

H.AMDT.946 On agreeing to the Hefley amendment (A013) Failed by recorded vote: 94 - 319 (Roll no. 361).

6/29/2000 7:47pm:

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4461 as unfinished business.

7/10/2000 4:03pm:

Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5683-5718)

7/10/2000 4:03pm:

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

7/10/2000 4:18pm:

H.AMDT.958 Amendment (A019) offered by Mr. Brown (OH). (consideration: CR H5684-5685; text: CR H5684)

Amendment directs the FDA to allocate \$3 million for the Center for Veterinary Medicine from its total funding for FY 2001.

7/10/2000 4:24pm:

H.AMDT.958 On agreeing to the Brown (OH) amendment (A019) Agreed to by voice vote.

7/10/2000 4:28pm:

H.AMDT.959 Amendment (A020) offered by Mr. Knollenberg. (consideration: CR H5687-5688; text: CR H5687)

Amendment clarifies that any limitations related to implementation of the Kyoto Protocol shall not apply to activities otherwise authorized by law.

7/10/2000 4:29pm:

H.AMDT.959 On agreeing to the Knollenberg amendment (A020) Agreed to by voice vote.

7/10/2000 4:30pm:

H.AMDT.960 Amendment (A021) offered by Mr. Boyd. (consideration: CR H5688-5689; text: CR H5689)

Amendment make a technical correction that makes the Town of Thompson instead of the town of Harris eligible for the specified loans and grants.

7/10/2000 4:31pm:

H.AMDT.960 On agreeing to the Boyd amendment (A021) Agreed to by voice vote.

7/10/2000 4:33pm:

Mr. Deutsch raised a point of order against the content of the measure. Mr. Deutsch raised a point of order against section 741 of the bill. The Chair sustained the point of order.

7/10/2000 4:37pm:

Mr. Combest raised a point of order against the content of the measure. Mr. Combest stated that the contents of section 752 constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order.

7/10/2000 4:38pm:

Mr. Diaz-Balart raised a point of order against the content of the measure. Mr. Diaz-Balart state that title VIII of the bill constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order.

7/10/2000 4:53pm:

H.AMDT.961 Amendment (A022) offered by Mr. Boyd. (consideration: CR H5692-5693; text:

CR H5692)

Amendment adds a new section prohibiting use of funds in the bill for recovery of part or all of any payment erroneously made to any oyster fisherman in the State of Connecticut for oyster losses under established programs.

7/10/2000 4:55pm:

H.AMDT.961 On agreeing to the Boyd amendment (A022) Agreed to by voice vote.

7/10/2000 4:56pm:

H.AMDT.962 Amendment (A023) offered by Mr. Coburn. (consideration: CR H5693-5694; text: CR H5693)

Amendment sought to prohibit the development or approval of any drug intended solely for the chemical inducement of abortion.

7/10/2000 5:02pm:

H.AMDT.963 Amendment (A024) offered by Mr. Royce. (consideration: CR H5694-5696, H5719-5720; text: CR H5694)

Amendment sought to reduce the total FY 2001 Agriculture Appropriations bill funding by 1 percent.

7/10/2000 5:21pm:

H.AMDT.964 Amendment (A025) offered by Mr. Crowley. (consideration: CR H5696-5700, H5720-5721; text: CR H5696)

Amendment prohibits the use of funds from being used to enforce federal restrictions on allowing Americans to travel abroad to purchase their prescription drugs.

7/10/2000 6:03pm:

H.AMDT.965 Amendment (A026) offered by Mr. Royce. (consideration: CR H5701; text: CR H5701)

An amendment numbered 52 printed in the Congressional Record.

7/10/2000 6:09pm:

H.AMDT.965 Mr. Skeen raised a point of order against the Royce amendment (A026). Mr. Skeen stated that the amendment numbered 52 printed in the Congressional Record sought to strike a portion of the bill already stricken and as such, was not in order. The Chair sustained the point of order.

7/10/2000 6:10pm:

H.AMDT.966 Amendment (A027) offered by Mr. Royce. (consideration: CR H5701-5704; text: CR H5701)

Amendment sought to prohibit any funding to award any new allocations under the market access program or pay salaries of personnel to award such allocations.

7/10/2000 6:43pm:

H.AMDT.967 Amendment (A028) offered by Mr. Coburn. (consideration: CR H5705-5709, H5721-5722; text: CR H5705)

Amendment prohibits funds in the bill for the FDA from being expended to take any action to interfere with the importation into the United States of drugs that have been approved for use within the United States and were manufactured in an FDA-approved facility in the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

7/10/2000 7:02pm:

H.AMDT.968 Amendment (A029) offered by Ms. Kaptur. (consideration: CR H5709; text: CR H5709)

Amendment urges the Secretary of Agriculture to use ethanol, biodiesel, and other alternative fuels to the maximum extent practicable to meet USDA's fuel needs.

7/10/2000 7:07pm:

H.AMDT.968 On agreeing to the Kaptur amendment (A029) Agreed to by voice vote.

7/10/2000 7:07pm:

H.AMDT.969 Amendment (A030) offered by Mr. Gilman. (consideration: CR H5709-5710; text: CR H5709)

An amendment numbered 70 printed in the Congressional Record to earmark \$15 million of Commodity Credit Corporation funds to be used to compensate producers of onions who suffered losses in 1999 and are located in counties designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as disaster areas for drought.

7/10/2000 7:11pm:

H.AMDT.969 By unanimous consent, the Gilman amendment was withdrawn.

7/10/2000 7:11pm:

H.AMDT.970 Amendment (A031) offered by Mr. Rangel. (consideration: CR H5710-5711; text: CR H5710)

An amendment to insert a new title regarding trade and prohibitions on trade, between the United States and Cuba.

7/10/2000 7:24pm:

H.AMDT.970 Mr. Diaz-Balart raised a point of order against the Rangel amendment (A031). Mr. Diaz-Balart stated that the Rangel amendment violated clause 7, rule XVI of the Rules of the House in that it was non-germane to the bill. The Chair sustained the point of order.

7/10/2000 7:29pm:

H.AMDT.971 Amendment (A032) offered by Mr. Sanford. (consideration: CR H5712-5714, H5722-5723; text: CR H5712)

Amendment sought to prohibit use of funds in the bill for carrying out the non-needs based school breakfast pilot program, established as a part of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998.

7/10/2000 7:44pm:

H.AMDT.972 Amendment (A033) offered by Mr. DeFazio. (consideration: CR H5714; text: CR H5714)

An amendment no. 26 printed in the Congressional Record.

7/10/2000 7:44pm:

H.AMDT.972 By unanimous consent, the DeFazio amendment was withdrawn.

7/10/2000 7:44pm:

H.AMDT.973 Amendment (A034) offered by Mr. DeFazio. (consideration: CR H5714-5718; text: CR H5714)

Amendment sought to prohibit funding to be used to conduct campaigns for the destruction of wild animals for the purpose of protecting stock.

7/10/2000 8:11pm:

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4461 as unfinished business.

7/10/2000 8:16pm:

Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5719-5723)

7/10/2000 8:17pm:

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

7/10/2000 8:45pm:

H.AMDT.962 On agreeing to the Coburn amendment (A023) Failed by recorded vote: 182 - 187 (Roll no. 373).

7/10/2000 8:54pm:

H.AMDT.963 On agreeing to the Royce amendment (A024) Failed by recorded vote: 53 - 316 (Roll no. 374).

7/10/2000 9:01pm:

H.AMDT.964 On agreeing to the Crowley amendment (A025) Agreed to by recorded vote: 363

- 12 (Roll no. 375).

7/10/2000 9:08pm:

H.AMDT.966 On agreeing to the Royce amendment (A027) Failed by recorded vote: 77 - 301 (Roll no. 376).

7/10/2000 9:16pm:

H.AMDT.967 On agreeing to the Coburn amendment (A028) Agreed to by recorded vote: 370 - 12 (Roll no. 377).

7/10/2000 9:23pm:

H.AMDT.971 On agreeing to the Sanford amendment (A032) Failed by recorded vote: 59 - 323 (Roll no. 378).

7/10/2000 9:23pm:

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4461 as unfinished business.

7/11/2000 12:44pm:

Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5766-5791)

7/11/2000 12:45pm:

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

7/11/2000 1:21pm:

H.AMDT.974 Amendment (A035) offered by Mr. Allen. (consideration: CR H5773-5775; text: CR H5773-5774)

An amendment numbered 32 printed in the Congressional Record to require, upon FDA approval of a new drug, the disclosure of the taxpayer funded contribution to the total cost of research and development of said drug.

7/11/2000 1:30pm:

H.AMDT.974 By unanimous consent, the Allen amendment was withdrawn.

7/11/2000 1:30pm:

H.AMDT.975 Amendment (A036) offered by Mr. Brown (OH). (consideration: CR H5775-5777; text: CR H5775)

An amendment numbered 37 printed in the Congressional Record to add a provision to the bill that prohibits the use of funds from being used to approve any application for a new drug submitted by an entity that does not agree to a quarterly disclosure of the average price charged by the manufacturer for the most common dosage of the drug in each country that is a member of OECD.

7/11/2000 1:39pm:

H.AMDT.975 By unanimous consent, the Brown (OH) amendment was withdrawn.

7/11/2000 1:40pm:

H.AMDT.976 Amendment (A037) offered by Mr. Sanford. (consideration: CR H5776-5777, H5788-5789; text: CR H5776)

Amendment sought to eliminate payments to wool and mohair farmers for wool to make military uniforms.

7/11/2000 1:52pm:

H.AMDT.977 Amendment (A038) offered by Mr. Burton. (consideration: CR H5777-5779, H5788-5789; text: CR H5777)

Amendment sought to add provisions prohibiting any scientist, physician or other individual who is a member, or prospective member, of a federal advisory committee that has responsibilities regarding vaccines from being granted a waiver from the conflict-of-interest rules that apply to such service.

7/11/2000 2:05pm:

H.AMDT.978 Amendment (A039) offered by Mr. Kucinich. (consideration: CR H5779-5783;

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S.2536 (Major Legislation) *KOHL/OB&T*Sponsor: Sen Cochran, Thad (introduced 5/10/2000)Related Bills: H.R.4461Latest Major Action: 7/18/2000 Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 4461 as an amendment.(consideration: CR S7143-7145)

Title: An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

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TITLE(S): (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

- **POPULAR TITLE(S):**
Appropriations bill FY2001, Agriculture (identified by CRS)
Agriculture FY2000 Appropriations bill (identified by CRS)
- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001
Food and Medicine for the World Act
Fiscal Year 2000 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Natural Disasters
Food and Medicine for the World Act
- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**
An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

STATUS: (*color indicates Senate actions*)**5/9/2000:**

Committee on Appropriations ordered to be reported an original measure.

5/10/2000:Committee on Appropriations. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Cochran. With written report No. 106-288.**5/10/2000:**

Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 540.

7/18/2000:

Division B of the bill was modified by Unanimous Consent.

7/18/2000:Senate incorporated this measure in H.R. 4461 as an amendment. (consideration: CR S7143-7145)**7/20/2000:**See also H.R. 4461.

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<u>Senate Appropriations</u>	Origin, Reporting

RELATED BILL DETAILS: (additional related bills may be identified in Status)

Bill:	Relationship:
<u>H.R.4461</u>	Related bill identified by Senate
<u>H.R.4461</u>	This bill has text inserted from S.2536

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

COSPONSOR(S):

NONE

SUMMARY AS OF:

5/10/2000--Introduced.

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Digest will follow.

\$1325 mil already approved

this adds \$443 mil dairy funding

total \$900 mil.
emergency aid to farmers

text: CR H5779-5781)

An amendment numbered 9 printed in the Congressional Record to include the text of H.R. 3377, the Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act, in the Agriculture Appropriations bill.

7/11/2000 2:15pm:

H.AMDT.978 By unanimous consent, the Kucinich amendment was withdrawn.

7/11/2000 3:13pm:

H.AMDT.973 On agreeing to the DeFazio amendment (A034) Failed by recorded vote: 190 - 228 (Roll no. 382). (consideration: CR H5787-5788; text: CR H5787)

7/11/2000 3:20pm:

H.AMDT.976 On agreeing to the Sanford amendment (A037) Failed by recorded vote: 166 - 255 (Roll no. 383).

7/11/2000 3:29pm:

H.AMDT.977 On agreeing to the Burton amendment (A038) Failed by recorded vote: 168 - 253 (Roll no. 384).

7/11/2000 3:29pm:

The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 4461.

7/11/2000 3:31pm:

The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

7/11/2000 3:31pm:

The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

7/11/2000 3:47pm:

On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 339 - 82 (Roll no. 385).

7/11/2000 3:47pm:

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

7/12/2000:

Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 674.

7/18/2000:

Measure laid before Senate. (consideration: CR S7143-7145)

7/18/2000:

Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S.2536, as modified.

7/19/2000:

Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S7174, S7193-7216, S7218)

7/19/2000:

S.AMDT.3925 Amendment SA 3925 proposed by Senator Jeffords. (consideration: CR S7193-7216; text: CR S7193-7194)

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow importation of covered products.

7/19/2000:

S.AMDT.3927 Amendment SA 3927 proposed by Senator Cochran to Amendment SA 3925. (consideration: CR S7195-7215; text: CR S7195)

To modify amendment relating to Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2001.

7/19/2000:

S.AMDT.3927 Amendment SA 3927 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 96 - 0. Record Vote Number: 216.

7/19/2000:

*Note/Okay
measure incorporated in
H.R. 4461 as amendment
Appropriations for Ag.*

S.AMDT.3925 Amendment SA 3925 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 74 - 21. Record Vote Number: 217.

7/19/2000:

S.AMDT.3938 Amendment SA 3938 proposed by Senator Reid for Senator Harkin. (consideration: CR S7218; text: CR S7218)

To prohibit the use of appropriated funds to label, mark, stamp, or tag as "inspected and passed" meat, meat products, poultry, or poultry products that do not meet microbiological performance standards established by the Secretary of Agriculture.

7/20/2000:

Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S7303-7308, S7310-7379)

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3938 Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S7303-7308, S7310-7314, S7331-7334)

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3955 Amendment SA 3955 proposed by Senator Cochran to Amendment SA 3938. (consideration: CR S7303-7308, S7310-7314, S7331-7334; text: CR S7307; text as modified: CR S7332)

To modify amendment relating to the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2001.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3938 Motion to table amendment SA 3938 rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49 - 49. Record Vote Number: 218.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3917 Amendment SA 3917 proposed by Senator McCain. (consideration: CR S7314-7325, S7328-7329; text: CR S7315)

To prohibit the use of appropriated funds for the sugar program.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3922 Amendment SA 3922 proposed by Senator Wellstone. (consideration: CR S7325, S7329; text: CR S7325)

To provide increased funding for the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration for investigations of anticompetitive behavior, rapid response teams, the Hog Contract Library, examinations of the competitive structure of the poultry industry, civil rights activities, and information staff, with an offset.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3917 Motion to table amendment SA 3917 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 65 - 32. Record Vote Number: 219.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3922 Motion to table amendment SA 3922 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51 - 47. Record Vote Number: 220.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3955 Proposed amendment SA 3955 withdrawn in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3938 Amendment SA 3938 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 48 - 49. Record Vote Number: 221.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3919 Amendment SA 3919 proposed by Senator Wellstone. (consideration: CR S7334-7337; text: CR S7334)

To require the use of certain funds transferred to the Economic Research Service to conduct a study of reasons for the decline in participation in the food stamp program and any problems that households with eligible children have experienced in obtaining food stamps.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3919 Amendment SA 3919 as modified agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 90 - 6.
Record Vote Number: 222. (consideration: CR S7336-7337; text as modified: CR S7337)

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3958 Amendment SA 3958 proposed by Senator Specter. (consideration: CR S7337-7342; text: CR S7337)

To correct an unintended termination of the authority of Amtrak to lease motor vehicles from the General Services Administration that results from previously enacted legislation.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3958 Amendment SA 3958 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 72 - 24. Record Vote Number: 223.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3963 Amendment SA 3963 proposed by Senator Dorgan. (consideration: CR S7342-7343; text: CR S7342-7343)

To make emergency financial assistance available to producers on a farm that have incurred losses in a 2000 crop due to a disaster and to producers of specialty crops that incurred losses during the 1999 crop year due to a disaster.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3963 Point of order under the Budget Act raised in Senate with respect to amendment SA 3963.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3963 Proposed amendment SA 3963 withdrawn in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3964 Amendment SA 3964 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Harkin. (consideration: CR S7344-7348, S7351; text: CR S7344)

To provide the use of funds for the Emergency Watershed Program for emergency expenses for floodplain operations identified as of July 18, 2000.

7/20/2000:

Point of order under the Budget Act against the measure raised in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3964 Point of order under the Budget Act raised in Senate with respect to amendment SA 3964.

7/20/2000:

Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the measure and to all filed and pending amendments made in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3964 Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to amendment SA 3964 made in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3977 Amendment SA 3977 proposed by Senator Gramm to Amendment SA 3964. (consideration: CR S7348; text: CR S7348)

To waive section 205 of the budget resolution for consideration of the Cochran (for Harkin) Amendment No. 3964.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3977 Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to amendment SA 3977 made in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3978 Amendment SA 3978 proposed by Senator Cochran to Amendment SA 3977. (consideration: CR S7348; text: CR S7348)

To waive Section 205(c) of H. Con. Res. 290, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect

to all emergency designations in this bill and all amendments filed at the desk at this time to this bill other than Amendment No. 3918.

7/20/2000:

Point of order against the measure withdrawn in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3964 Point of order withdrawn in Senate with respect to amendment SA 3964.

7/20/2000:

Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the measure and to all filed and pending amendments withdrawn in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3964 Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to amendment SA 3964 withdrawn in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3977 Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to amendment SA 3977 withdrawn in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3978 Proposed amendment SA 3978 withdrawn in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3977 Proposed amendment SA 3977 withdrawn in Senate.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3964 Amendment SA 3964 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3457 Amendment SA 3457 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Levin.
(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7351)
To provide market and quality loss assistance for certain commodities.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3457 Amendment SA 3457 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3933 Amendment SA 3933 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Abraham to Amendment SA 3457. (consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7353)
To provide relief for apple growers whose crops have suffered extensive crop damage as a result of fireblight.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3933 Amendment SA 3933 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3965 Amendment SA 3965 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Graham.
(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7353)
To ensure that nursery stock producers receive emergency financial assistance for nursery stock losses caused by Hurricane Irene.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3965 Amendment SA 3965 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3966 Amendment SA 3966 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Lott.
(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7354)
To permit the enrollment of an additional 100,000 acres in the wetlands reserve program.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3966 Amendment SA 3966 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3967 Amendment SA 3967 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Leahy.
(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7354)

To provide that in addition to other compensation paid by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary shall compensate, or otherwise seek to make whole, from funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, not to exceed \$4,000,000, the owners of all sheep destroyed from flocks under the Secretary's declarations of July 14, 2000 for lost income, or other business interruption losses, due to actions of the Secretary with respect to such sheep.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3967 Amendment SA 3967 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3968 Amendment SA 3968 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Harkin.
(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7354)

To provide emergency funding for the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyard Administration for completion of a biotechnology reference facility.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3968 Amendment SA 3968 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3969 Amendment SA 3969 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Graham.
(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7354)

To ensure that growers who experienced crop losses due to citrus canker receive appropriate compensation.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3969 Amendment SA 3969 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3970 Amendment SA 3970 proposed by Senator Cochran. (consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7355)

To make certain funds available for the Boll weevil eradication program for cost share purposes or for debt retirement for active eradication zones.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3970 Amendment SA 3970 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3971 Amendment SA 3971 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Thurmond.
(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7355)

To provide financial assistance to the State of South Carolina in capitalizing the South Carolina Grain Dealers Guaranty Fund.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3971 Amendment SA 3971 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3972 Amendment SA 3972 proposed by Senator Cochran. (consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7355)

To restrict the use of funds to provide certain conservation assistance and authorize a transfer of funds for the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3972 Amendment SA 3972 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3973 Amendment SA 3973 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Sessions.
(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7355)

To provide for assistance for emergency haying and feed operations in the State of Alabama.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3973 Amendment SA 3973 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3974 Amendment SA 3974 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Edwards.

(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7355)

To provide emergency funding to the Department of Agriculture's Rural Community Facilities program.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3974 Amendment SA 3974 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3975 Amendment SA 3975 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Dorgan.

(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7355-7356)

To make emergency financial assistance available to producers on a farm that have incurred losses in a 2000 crop due to a disaster and to producers of specialty crops that incurred losses during the 1999 crop year to a disaster.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3975 Amendment SA 3975 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3976 Amendment SA 3976 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Inouye.

(consideration: CR S7351-7356; text: CR S7356)

To provide that notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make a payment in the amount of \$7,200,000 to the State of Hawaii from the Commodity Credit Corporation for assistance to an agricultural transportation cooperative in Hawaii, the members of which are eligible to participate in the Farm Service Agency administered Commodity Loan Program and have suffered extraordinary market losses due to unprecedented low prices.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3976 Amendment SA 3976 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3980 Amendment SA 3980 proposed by Senator Durbin. (consideration: CR S7358-7361; text: CR S7358)

To clarify the effect of the provision prohibiting amendment of part 3809 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3980 Point of order raised in Senate with respect to amendment SA 3980.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3980 Amendment SA 3980 determined non-germane by Yea-Nay Vote. 36 - 56.
Record Vote Number: 224.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3981 Amendment SA 3981 proposed by Senator Baucus. (consideration: CR S7361-7365; text: CR S7361-7362)

To direct the Secretary of the Army to conduct a restudy of the project for navigation, Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay, North Carolina, to evaluate alternatives to the authorized inlet stabilization project at Oregon Inlet.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3981 Amendment SA 3981 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3982 Amendment SA 3982 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Smith NH.

(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7365)

To provide for an Animal and Plant Health Services wildlife services methods development study.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3982 Amendment SA 3982 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3983 Amendment SA 3983 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Boxer.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7366)
To amend the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3983 Amendment SA 3983 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3984 Amendment SA 3984 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Grams.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7366)
To prohibit the use of appropriated funds to require offices of the Farm Services Agency to discontinue use of FINPACK for financial planning and credit analysis.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3984 Amendment SA 3984 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3985 Amendment SA 3985 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Hollings.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7366)
To provide that the Sea Island Health Clinic located on Johns Island, South Carolina, shall remain eligible for assistance and funding from the Rural Development community facilities programs administered by the Department of Agriculture until such time new population data is available from the 2000 Census. Expands eligibility for Rural Development Community Facilities program.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3985 Amendment SA 3985 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3986 Amendment SA 3986 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Reed.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7366)
To provide funds for a study on flood plain management for the Pocasset River, Rhode Island.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3986 Amendment SA 3986 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3987 Amendment SA 3987 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Bingaman.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7366)
To allocate funding made available by this Act for loans and grants to federally recognized Indian tribes under the rural community advance program under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3987 Amendment SA 3987 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3988 Amendment SA 3988 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Byrd.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7366)
To provide for a pasture recovery program.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3988 Amendment SA 3988 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3989 Amendment SA 3989 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Dodd.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7366)
To prohibit the use of any funding to recover payments erroneously made to oyster fishermen in the State of Connecticut.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3989 Amendment SA 3989 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

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S.AMDT.3992Amends: [H.R.4461](#)Sponsor: [Sen Kohl, Herb](#) (submitted 7/20/2000) (proposed 7/20/2000)**AMENDMENT PURPOSE:**

To provide that the Secretary of Agriculture shall use the funds, facilities and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make and administer supplemental payments to **dairy** producers who received a payment under section 805 of Public Law 106-78 in an amount equal to thirty-five percent of the reduction in market value of milk production in 2000.

TEXT OF AMENDMENT AS SUBMITTED: [CR S7405](#)**STATUS:****7/20/2000:**

Amendment SA 3992 proposed by Senator Kohl. (consideration: [CR S7365-7370](#); text: [CR S7367](#))

7/20/2000:

Amendment SA 3992 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

S.AMDT.3990 Amendment SA 3990 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Wyden.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7367)

To provide support for creative anti-hunger initiatives in the USDA ranked number one hunger state.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3990 Amendment SA 3990 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3991 Amendment SA 3991 proposed by Senator Cochran. (consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7367)

To increase the Section 502 Guaranteed Rural Housing income limits.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3991 Amendment SA 3991 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3992 Amendment SA 3992 proposed by Senator Kohl. (consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7367)

To provide that the Secretary of Agriculture shall use the funds, facilities and authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation to make and administer supplemental payments to dairy producers who received a payment under section 805 of Public Law 106-78 in an amount equal to thirty-five percent of the reduction in market value of milk production in 2000.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3992 Amendment SA 3992 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3993 Amendment SA 3993 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Hutchinson.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7367)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency loans to poultry producers to rebuild chicken houses destroyed by disasters.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3993 Amendment SA 3993 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3994 Amendment SA 3994 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Torricelli.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7367)

To express the sense of the Senate regarding preference for assistance for victims of domestic violence.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3994 Amendment SA 3994 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3995 Amendment SA 3995 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Torricelli.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7367)

To allocate appropriated funds for early detection and treatment concerning childhood lead poisoning at sites participating in the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3995 Amendment SA 3995 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3996 Amendment SA 3996 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Hatch.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7367)

To increase funding for the Office of Generic Drugs in order to accelerate the review of generic drug applications.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3996 Amendment SA 3996 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3997 Amendment SA 3997 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Harkin.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7367-7368)

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3997 Amendment SA 3997 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3998 Amendment SA 3998 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Landrieu.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7368)

To provide that the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3998 Amendment SA 3998 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3999 Amendment SA 3999 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Nickles.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7368)

To fund biomass-based energy research.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.3999 Amendment SA 3999 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4000 Amendment SA 4000 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Campbell.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7368)

To provide fiscal year 2000 supplemental contingent emergency funding to the Department of the Treasury for the Customs Service Automated Commercial System.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4000 Amendment SA 4000 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4001 Amendment SA 4001 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Kennedy.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7368)

To fully fund the Food and Drug Administration's food safety initiative activities.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4001 Amendment SA 4001 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4002 Amendment SA 4002 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Nickles.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369)

Of a clarifying nature.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4002 Amendment SA 4002 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4003 Amendment SA 4003 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Feingold.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369)

To prohibit products that contain dry ultra-filtered milk products or casein from being labeled as domestic natural cheese, and for other purposes.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4003 Amendment SA 4003 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4004 Amendment SA 4004 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Sessions.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369)

To increase and limit certain funding.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4004 Amendment SA 4004 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

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FEINGOLD (AND JEFFORDS) AMENDMENT NO. 4003 (Senate - July 20, 2000)

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Mr. KOHL (for Mr. **Feingold** (for himself and Mr. **Jeffords**)) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 4461, supra; as follows:

On page 75, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

Sec. 740. Natural Cheese Standard: (a) **Prohibition:** Section 401 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341) is amended--

(1) by striking 'Whenever' and inserting '(a) Whenever'; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

'(b) The Commissioner may not use any Federal funds to amend section 133.3 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling), to include dry ultra-filtered milk or casein in the definition of the term 'milk' or 'nonfat milk', as specified in the standards of identity for cheese and cheese products published at part 133 of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).'

(b) **Importation Study:** Not later than XX days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall--

(1) conduct a study to determine--

(A) the quantity of ultra-filtered milk that is imported annually into the United States; and

(B) the end use of that imported milk; and

(2) submit to Congress a report that describes the results of the study.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4005 Amendment SA 4005 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Boxer.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369)

To provide that none of the funds appropriated by this Act to the U.S. Department of Agriculture may be used to implement or administer the final rule issued in Docket number 97-110, at 65 Federal Register 37608-37669 until such time as USDA completes an independent peer review of the rule and the risk assessment underlying the rule.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4005 Amendment SA 4005 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4006 Amendment SA 4006 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Leahy.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369)

To require that any award entered into under the dairy export incentive program that is cancelled or voided is made available for reassignment under the program.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4006 Amendment SA 4006 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4007 Amendment SA 4007 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Campbell.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369)

To require the use of a certain amount of appropriated funds to carry out the Food Distribution on Indian Reservations.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4007 Amendment SA 4007 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4008 Amendment SA 4008 proposed by Senator Cochran for Senator Warner.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369)

To increase and limit certain funding.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4008 Amendment SA 4008 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4009 Amendment SA 4009 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Wellstone.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369)

To set aside funding for the distance learning and telemedicine program to promote employment of rural residents through teleworking.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4009 Amendment SA 4009 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4010 Amendment SA 4010 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Johnson.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7369-7370)

To extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants for State mediation programs dealing with agricultural issues.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4010 Amendment SA 4010 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4011 Amendment SA 4011 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Harkin.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7370)

To provide increased funding for the Extension farm safety program, including funding at a level of \$3,055,000 for the AgrAbility project.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4011 Amendment SA 4011 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4012 Amendment SA 4012 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Daschle.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7370)

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide equitable relief to an owner or operator that has entered into and violated a contract under the environmental conservation acreage reserve program if the owner or operator took actions in good faith reliance on the action or advice of an authorized representative of the Secretary.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4012 Amendment SA 4012 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4013 Amendment SA 4013 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Feingold.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7370)

To require the publication of data collected on imported herbs.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4013 Amendment SA 4013 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4014 Amendment SA 4014 proposed by Senator Kohl for Senator Robb.
(consideration: CR S7365-7370; text: CR S7370)

To adjust the limitation to carry out research related to tobacco.

7/20/2000:

S.AMDT.4014 Amendment SA 4014 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

7/20/2000:

Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 79 - 13. Record Vote Number: 225. (text: CR 7/25/2000 S7556-7573)

7/20/2000:

Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Cochran, Specter, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Stevens, Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin and Byrd.

7/21/2000:

S.AMDT.4008 Amendment SA4008 as previously agreed to was modified by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7456; text as modified: CR S7456)

7/25/2000:

Message on Senate action sent to the House.

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
<u>House Appropriations</u>	Origin, Reporting

RELATED BILL DETAILS: (additional related bills may be identified in Status)

Bill:	Relationship:
<u>H.RES.513</u>	Rule related to H.R.4461 in House
<u>H.RES.538</u>	Rule related to H.R.4461 in House
<u>S.2536</u>	Related bill identified by Senate
<u>S.2536</u>	Text from this bill was inserted in H.R.4461
<u>S.2586</u>	Text from this bill was inserted in H.R.4461

AMENDMENT(S):

1. H.AMDT.934 to H.R.4461 Amendment sought to increase FDA funding by \$40,000 to validate the Tulane University Medical School diagnostic test on the Gulf War Syndrome and decrease USDA Departmental Administration funding.

Sponsor: Rep Metcalf, Jack - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment not agreed to

2. H.AMDT.935 to H.R.4461 Amendment sought to increase funding for North Appalachian Experimental Watershed Research Station risk assessments by \$100,000 and decrease USDA administration, communications, and inspector general funding accordingly.

Sponsor: Rep Ney, Robert W. - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment not agreed to

3. H.AMDT.936 to H.R.4461 Amendment increases by \$7 million the bill's funding for the 1890 land grant educational institutions. The amendment offsets by reducing funding for the Agricultural Research Service by an equal amount.

Sponsor: Rep Clayton, Eva M. - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

4. H.AMDT.937 to H.R.4461 An amendment numbered 22 printed in the Congressional Record to earmark \$500,000 to conduct a study on the health risks related to genetically engineered food.

Sponsor: Rep Tierney, John F. - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 Mr. Skeen raised a point of order against the Tierney amendment (A004). Mr. Skeen stated that the amendment sought to include authorization language in an appropriations bill and as such, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order. (consideration: CR H5540)

5. H.AMDT.938 to H.R.4461 Amendment sought to eliminate the \$200,000 funding for the asparagus competitiveness grant and harvester.

Sponsor: Rep Hefley, Joel - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment not agreed to

6. H.AMDT.939 to H.R.4461 Amendment sought to reduce the funding for special agricultural research grants by \$14 million (from \$74 million to \$60 million) in order to return the funding level to that of FY 2000.

Sponsor: Rep Sanford, Marshall (Mark) - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment not agreed to

7. H.AMDT.940 to H.R.4461 Amendment reduces Animal and Plant Health Inspection Health Service funding by \$15,510, the amount used for the inspection of imported Iranian food products.

Sponsor: Rep Weiner, Anthony D. - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

8. H.AMDT.941 to H.R.4461 An amendment numbered 14 printed in the Congressional Record that increases the funding in the bill for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service by \$53 million.

Sponsor: Rep Kaptur, Marcy - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 Mr. Skeen raised a point of order against the Kaptur amendment (A008). Mr. Skeen stated that the amendment sought to change existing law and as such, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order. (consideration: CR H5554-5555)

9. H.AMDT.942 to H.R.4461 Amendment adds a new paragraph to provide that any limitation on funds to carry out research related to the production, processing, or marketing of tobacco or tobacco plants shall not apply to research on the medical, biotechnological, food and industrial uses of

tobacco.

Sponsor: Rep Hayes, Robin - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

10. H.AMDT.943 to H.R.4461 An amendment numbered 43 printed in the Congressional Record to limit to \$54 million the USDA expenditures for the purchase of raw or refined sugar from sugarcane or sugar beets.

Sponsor: Rep Miller, Dan - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 Mr. Latham raised a point of order against the Miller (FL) amendment (A010). Mr. Latham stated that the amendment sought to change existing law and as such, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order. (consideration: CR H5565)

11. H.AMDT.944 to H.R.4461 Amendment eliminates funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and transfers funding of \$693,000 to Resource Conservation and Development programs for resolution of small family farm and ranch regulatory issues with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sponsor: Rep Berry, Marion - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

12. H.AMDT.945 to H.R.4461 Amendment strikes the provision in the bill that prohibits conservation funding from being used for the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

Sponsor: Rep Kelly, Sue W. - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

13. H.AMDT.946 to H.R.4461 Amendment sought to eliminate the bill's funding of \$2 million for USDA's agri-tourism program.

Sponsor: Rep Hefley, Joel - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment not agreed to

14. H.AMDT.947 to H.R.4461 Amendment provides up to \$5,400,000 for use in a demonstration program to be carried out by the Secretary of Agriculture to determine the timeliness, quality, suitability, efficiency, and cost of utilizing modular housing to re-house low-income elderly families who have lost their homes due to a major disaster or because they are unable to repay a direct housing loan.

Sponsor: Rep Clayton, Eva M. - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

15. H.AMDT.948 to H.R.4461 Amendment increases the bill's funding for USDA's Nutrition Program for the Elderly by \$20 million. The offset for this amount comes from Foreign Assistance funds (P.L. 480, Title II.)

Sponsor: Rep Stupak, Bart - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

16. H.AMDT.949 to H.R.4461 Amendment strikes the bill's provision that prohibits the use of funds for a "Colonias initiative" which is a program designed to improve the living standards of "colonias"--severely impoverished U.S. communities along the southwest border with Mexico.

Sponsor: Rep Reyes, Silvestre - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

17. H.AMDT.950 to H.R.4461 Amendment allows the United States Agency for International Development to employ contractors for administrative expenses and delivery of Public Law 480, Food for Peace commodities.

Sponsor: Rep Kaptur, Marcy - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 House amendment agreed to

18. H.AMDT.951 to H.R.4461 An amendment numbered 42 printed in the Congressional Record to earmark \$500,000 in the bill's FDA funding to be used for drafting guidance on how to assess

genetically engineered food products for "allergenicity" or the presence of potential food allergens. The amendment also requires a report to Congress by the end of FY 2001.

Sponsor: Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. - **Latest Major Action:** 6/29/2000 By unanimous consent, the Kucinich amendment was withdrawn.

19. H.AMDT.958 to H.R.4461 Amendment directs the FDA to allocate \$3 million for the Center for Veterinary Medicine from its total funding for FY 2001.

Sponsor: Rep Brown, Sherrod - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment agreed to

20. H.AMDT.959 to H.R.4461 Amendment clarifies that any limitations related to implementation of the Kyoto Protocol shall not apply to activities otherwise authorized by law.

Sponsor: Rep Knollenberg, Joe - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment agreed to

21. H.AMDT.960 to H.R.4461 Amendment make a technical correction that makes the Town of Thompson instead of the town of Harris eligible for the specified loans and grants.

Sponsor: Rep Boyd, Allen - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment agreed to

22. H.AMDT.961 to H.R.4461 Amendment adds a new section prohibiting use of funds in the bill for recovery of part or all of any payment erroneously made to any oyster fisherman in the State of Connecticut for oyster losses under established programs.

Sponsor: Rep Boyd, Allen - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment agreed to

23. H.AMDT.962 to H.R.4461 Amendment sought to prohibit the development or approval of any drug intended solely for the chemical inducement of abortion.

Sponsor: Rep Coburn, Tom A. - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment not agreed to

24. H.AMDT.963 to H.R.4461 Amendment sought to reduce the total FY 2001 Agriculture Appropriations bill funding by 1 percent.

Sponsor: Rep Royce, Edward R. - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment not agreed to

25. H.AMDT.964 to H.R.4461 Amendment prohibits the use of funds from being used to enforce federal restrictions on allowing Americans to travel abroad to purchase their prescription drugs.

Sponsor: Rep Crowley, Joseph - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment agreed to

26. H.AMDT.965 to H.R.4461 An amendment numbered 52 printed in the Congressional Record.

Sponsor: Rep Royce, Edward R. - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 Mr. Skeen raised a point of order against the Royce amendment (A026). Mr. Skeen stated that the amendment numbered 52 printed in the Congressional Record sought to strike a portion of the bill already stricken and as such, was not in order. The Chair sustained the point of order.

27. H.AMDT.966 to H.R.4461 Amendment sought to prohibit any funding to award any new allocations under the market access program or pay salaries of personnel to award such allocations.

Sponsor: Rep Royce, Edward R. - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment not agreed to

28. H.AMDT.967 to H.R.4461 Amendment prohibits funds in the bill for the FDA from being expended to take any action to interfere with the importation into the United States of drugs that have been approved for use within the United States and were manufactured in an FDA-approved facility in the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

Sponsor: Rep Coburn, Tom A. - **Latest Major Action:** 7/10/2000 House amendment agreed to