

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 259

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 12, 1996

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. PRESSLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. USE OF DISASTER RESERVE FOR DISASTER AS-**
3 **SISTANCE.**

4 It is the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of
5 Agriculture should use the disaster reserve established
6 under section 813 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7
7 U.S.C. 1427a) to alleviate distress to livestock producers
8 caused by drought, flood, or other natural disasters in
9 1996, in the most efficient manner practicable, including
10 cash payments from the sale of commodities currently in
11 the disaster reserve. A livestock producer should be eligible
12 to receive the assistance during the period beginning May
13 1, 1996, and ending not sooner than August 31, 1996.

14 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE.**

15 It is the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of
16 Agriculture should use the authorities provided in the Fed-
17 eral Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996
18 (Public Law 104–127) to provide voluntary conservation
19 assistance to any person who is permitted to hay or graze
20 conservation reserve land on an emergency basis.

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