

105<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3335

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to require the timely application to imported fruits and vegetables of grade, size, quality, and maturity requirements applicable to comparable domestically produced fruits and vegetables under agricultural marketing orders.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 1998

Mrs. THURMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. APPLICABILITY OF GRADE, SIZE, QUALITY, AND**  
2 **MATURITY REQUIREMENTS OF AGRICUL-**  
3 **TURAL MARKETING ORDERS TO CERTAIN IM-**  
4 **PORTED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.**

5 Section 8e of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7  
6 U.S.C. 608e-1), reenacted with amendments by the Agri-  
7 cultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (c)(2)—

9 (A) by striking “advise the Secretary of  
10 Agriculture, within 60 days of the notification  
11 under paragraph (1), to ensure that” and in-  
12 serting “have a period of 10 calendar days, be-  
13 ginning on the date notice is received under  
14 paragraph (1), to advise the Secretary of Agri-  
15 culture regarding whether”; and

16 (B) by striking “is not inconsistent” and  
17 inserting “is inconsistent”; and

18 (2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the  
19 following new subsection:

20 “(d) As soon as possible after the expiration of the  
21 time period specified in subsection (c)(2) with respect to  
22 a proposed prohibition or regulation under this section,  
23 the Secretary of Agriculture shall implement the final pro-  
24 hibition or regulation, taking into consideration any advice  
25 submitted by the United States Trade Representative re-

- 1 regarding the proposed prohibition or regulation during that
- 2 time period.”.

