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To extend agricultural programs beyond March 15, 2008, to suspend permanent price support authorities beyond that date, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2008

Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) EXTENSION.—Except as otherwise provided in
5 this section and notwithstanding any other provision of
6 law, the authorities provided under the Farm Security and
7 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–171; 7
8 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) and each amendment made by that
9 Act (and for mandatory programs at such funding levels),
10 as in effect on September 30, 2007, shall continue, and

1 the Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out the authori-
2 ties, until April 18, 2008.

3 (b) CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.—

4 (1) FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM.—Not-
5 withstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture (referred to in this subsection
7 as the “Secretary”) shall continue the farmland pro-
8 tection program established under subchapter B of
9 chapter 2 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Se-
10 curity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3838h et seq.) at a
11 funding level of \$97,000,000 per year.

12 (2) GROUND AND SURFACE WATER CONSERVA-
13 TION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
14 the Secretary shall continue the ground and surface
15 water conservation program established under sec-
16 tion 1240I of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16
17 U.S.C. 3839aa–9) at a funding level of \$60,000,000
18 per year.

19 (3) WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PRO-
20 GRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
21 the Secretary shall continue the wildlife habitat in-
22 centive program established under section 1240N of
23 the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb–
24 1) at a funding level of \$85,000,000 per year.

1 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not apply with
2 respect to the following provisions of law:

3 (1) Section 1307(a)(6) of the Farm Security
4 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
5 7957(a)(6)).

6 (2) Section 524(b) of the Federal Crop Insur-
7 ance Act (7 U.S.C. 1524(b)).

8 (3) Section 25 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
9 (7 U.S.C. 2034).

10 (4) Section 601(j)(1) of the Rural Electrifica-
11 tion Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950bb(j)(1)).

12 (5) Section 231(b)(4) of the Agricultural Risk
13 Protection Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 1621note; Public
14 Law 106–224).

15 (6) Section 9002(k)(2) of the Farm Security
16 and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C.
17 8102(k)(2)).

18 (7) Section 9004(d) of the Farm Security and
19 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8104(d)).

20 (8) Section 9006(f) of the Farm Security and
21 Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8106(f)).

22 (9) Subtitles A through C of title I of the Farm
23 Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7
24 U.S.C. 7911 et seq.), with respect to the 2008 crops
25 (other than the 2008 crop of a loan commodity de-

1 scribed in paragraph (11), (12), (13), or (14) of sec-
2 tion 1202(b) of the Farm Security and Rural Invest-
3 ment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7932(b)).

4 (d) SUSPENSION OF PERMANENT PRICE SUPPORT
5 AUTHORITIES.—The provisions of law specified in sub-
6 sections (a) through (c) of section 1602 of the Farm Secu-
7 rity and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 7992)
8 shall be suspended through April 18, 2008.

9 (e) RELATION TO CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS
10 ACT, 2008.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), this section does not apply to the Agri-
13 culture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Admin-
14 istration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
15 2008 (division A of Public Law 110–161; 121 Stat.
16 1846).

17 (2) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED EXTENSION.—
18 Section 751 of the Agriculture, Rural Development,
19 Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agen-
20 cies Appropriations Act, 2008 (division A of Public
21 Law 110–161; 121 Stat. 1883) is repealed.

22 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
23 ment made by this section shall take effect on March 15,
24 2008.