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and animal diseases to the extent necessary to meet emergency conditions (31 U.S.C. 1512).

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EDITORIAL NOTE: At 70 FR 55706, Sept. 23, 2005, the Department of Agriculture published a document in the Federal Register, attempting to amend § 2.22, by revising paragraph (a)(2)(xxxii). However, because of inaccurate amendatory language, this amendment could not be incorporated. For the convenience of the user, the language at 70 FR 55706 is set forth as follows:

§ 2.22 Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

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(xxxii) Plant Protection Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 7701-7786).

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§ 2.23 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

(a) The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations:

(1) Related to congressional affairs. (i) Exercise responsibility for coordination of all congressional matters in the Department.

(ii) Maintain liaison with the Congress and the White House on legislative Matters of concern to the Department.

(2) Related to intergovernmental affairs. (i) Coordinate all programs involving intergovernmental affairs including State and local government relations and liaison with:

- (A) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture;
(B) Office of Intergovernmental Relations (Office of Vice President);
(C) Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations;
(D) Council of State Governments;
(E) National Governors Conference;
(F) National Association of Counties;
(G) National League of Cities;
(H) International City Managers Association;

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- (I) U.S. Conference of Mayors; and
(J) Such other State and Federal agencies, departments and organizations as are necessary in carrying out the responsibilities of this office.

(ii) Maintain oversight of the activities of USDA representatives to the 10 Federal Regional councils.

(iii) Serve as the USDA contact with the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations for implementation of OMB Circular A-85 to provide advance notification to state and local governments of proposed changes in Department programs that affect such governments.

(iv) Act as the department representative for Federal executive board matters.

(v) Serve as the official with the principal responsibility for the implementation of Executive Order 13175, including consultation and collaboration with tribal officials, and coordinate the Department's programs involving assistance to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 2.24 Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(a) The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Assistant Secretary for Administration:

(1) Related to administrative law judges.

(i) Assign, after appropriate consultation with other general officers, to the Office of Administrative Law Judges proceedings not subject to 5 U.S.C. 556 and 557, involving the holdings of hearings and performance of related duties pursuant to the applicable rules of practice, when the Assistant Secretary for Administration determines that because of the nature of the proceeding it would be desirable for the proceeding to be presided over by an Administrative Law Judge and that such duties and responsibilities would not be inconsistent with those of an Administrative Law Judge.

(ii) Provide administrative supervision of the Office of Administrative Law Judges.