Kanjorski	Moakley	Sawyer
Kaptur	Mollohan	Schroeder
Kennedy (RI)	Moran	Schumer
Kennelly	Murtha	Scott
Kildee	Nadler	Serrano
Kleczka	Neal	Skaggs
Klink	Oberstar	Slaughter
LaFalce	Obey	Spratt
Lantos	Olver	Stark
Levin	Ortiz	Stokes
Lewis (GA)	Owens	Studds
Lofgren	Pallone	Stupak
Lowey	Pastor	Thompson
Maloney	Payne (NJ)	Thurman
Manton	Payne (VA)	Torres
Markey	Pelosi	Towns
Martinez	Peterson (FL)	Velazquez
Mascara	Pickett	Vento
Matsui	Rahall	Visclosky
McCarthy	Rangel	Ward
McDermott	Reed	Waters
McHale	Richardson	Watt (NC)
McKinney	Rivers	Waxman
Meehan	Roemer	Williams
Meek	Rose	Wise
Menendez	Roybal-Allard	Woolsey
Mfume	Rush	Wyden
Mineta	Sabo	Wynn
Mink	Sanders	Yates

NOT VOTING—9

Bentsen	Lincoln	Torkildsen
Kelly	Reynolds	Tucker
Kennedy (MA)	Tejeda	Volkmer

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Mr. GUTIERREZ changed his vote from ''aye'' to ''no.''

Mr. BARCIA changed his vote from ''no'' to ''aye.''

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: ''A bill to provide that an application for an injunction restraining the enforcement, operation, or execution of a State law adopted by referendum may not be granted on the ground of the unconstitutionality of such law unless the application is heard and determined by a 3-judge court.''

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1976, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

Mr. SKEEN submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 1976) making appropriations for Agriculture, rural development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 104–268)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1976) ''making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes,'' having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 1, 3, 4, 9, 11, 14, 21, 39, 45, 50, 55, 61, 69, 70, 71, 74, 75, 81, 84, 85, 86, 90, 94, 95, 98, 99, 102, 106, 111, 113, 116, 123, 127, 129, 130, 132, 139, 144, 145, 147, 148, 151, 153, 155, 156, 157, 158, and 159.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 19, 22, 24, 27, 30, 46, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 60, 63, 64, 66, 67, 73, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 83, 88, 97, 101, 110, 112, 115, 120, 133, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 146, 149, 150, 154, and agree to the same.

Amendment number 2:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment, insert: *$7,500,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment number 8:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 8, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and the matter inserted by said amendment, insert: *$3,797,000: Provided, That no other funds appropriated to the Department in this Act shall be available to the Department for support of activities of congressional relations: Provided further, That not less than $2,355,000 shall be transferred to agencies funded in this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment number 12:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 12, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$710,000,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 15:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 15, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$168,734,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 16:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 16, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$20,497,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$27,735,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$49,846,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$96,735,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 23:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 23, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$650,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 25:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 25, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$8,100,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 26:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 26, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment, insert: *$9,200,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 28:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 28, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$10,337,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 29:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 29, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$421,929,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 31:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 31, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$268,493,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 32:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 32, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$60,510,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 33:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 33, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$2,943,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 34:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 34, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$7,782,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 35:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 35, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$936,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 36:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 36, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$11,065,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 37:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 37, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$1,203,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 38:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 38, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$9,850,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 40:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 40, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$2,438,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 41:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 41, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$3,291,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 42:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 42, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$1,724,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 43:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 43, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment, insert: *$2,709,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 44:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 44, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$25,090,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 47:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 47, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$12,209,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 48:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 48, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed, insert: *$427,750,000*; and

On page 15, line 22 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1976, strike ''$10,947,000'' and insert in lieu thereof *$10,783,000*, and

On page 15, line 26 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1976, strike ''$3,363,000'' and insert in lieu thereof *$3,313,000*, and

On page 16, line 17 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1976, strike ''$3,463,000'' and insert in lieu thereof *$3,411,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 49:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 49, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed, insert *$331,667,000*, and

On page 19, line 16 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1976, after the word ''building'' insert *: Provided further, That of the funds provided, the Secretary of Agriculture may provide for the funding of all fees or charges under sec. 2509 of Public Law 101–624, codified at 21 U.S.C. 136(a)(c), for any service related to the cost of providing import, entry, diagnostic and quarantine services in connection with the 1996 Summer Olympic Games to be held in Atlanta, Georgia*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 51:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 51, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$8,757,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 57:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 57, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$544,906,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 59:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 59, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$795,000,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 62:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 62, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$1,000,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 65:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 65, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Delete the sum stricken and the sum proposed by said amendment, and

On page 27, line 17 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1976, strike all after ''disasters'' down to and including ''property,'', and

On page 28, line 3 of the House engrossed bill. H.R. 1976, strike all after ''asters'' down to and including ''property,''; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 68:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 68, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Delete the sum stricken and the sum proposed by said amendment; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 72:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 72, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment, insert: *$629,986,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 78:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 78, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the first sum named in said amendment, insert: *$29,000,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 87:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 87, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$46,583,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 89:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 89, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Delete the sum stricken and the sum proposed by said amendment, and

On page 39, of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1976, strike all after ''loans'' on line 25 down to and including ''property'' on line 26, and

On page 40 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1976, strike all after ''1996'' on line 14 down to and including ''property,'' on line 15; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 91:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 92, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$148,723,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 92:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 92, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *: Provided, That no funds for new construction may be available for fiscal year 1996 until the program is authorized*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 93:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 93, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Delete the sum stricken and the sum proposed by said amendment; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 96:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 96, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$372,897,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 100:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 100, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$2,000,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 103:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 103, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and the matter inserted by said amendment, insert:

For the cost of direct loans, $22,395,000, as authorized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C. 9812(a)): Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans of $37,544,000: Provided further, That through June 30, 1996, of these amounts, $4,322,000 shall be available for the cost of direct loans, for empowerment zones and enterprise communities, as authorized by title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans, $7,246,000.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan programs, $1,476,000, of which $1,470,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for ''Salaries and Expenses''.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 104:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 104, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$654,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 105:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 105, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$6,500,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 107:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 107, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and the matter inserted by said amendment, insert: *$2,300,000, of which up to $1,300,000 may be available for the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas program*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 108:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 108, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$525,000,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 109:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 109, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$56,858,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 114: That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 114, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Restore the matter stricken by said amendment, amended to read as follows:

RURAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees and grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1928, and 1932, $487,868,000, to remain available until expended, to be available for loans and grants for rural water and waste disposal and solid waste management grants: Provided, That the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed $4,500,000 shall be available for contracting with the National Rural Water Association or equally qualified national organizations for a circuit rider program to provide technical assistance for rural water systems: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed $18,700,000 shall be available for water and waste disposal systems to benefit the Colonials along the United States/Mexico border, including grants pursuant to section 306C: Provided further, That of the total amount appropriated, $18,688,000 shall be for empowerment zones and enterprise communities, as authorized by Public Law 103–66: Provided further, That if such funds are not obligated for empowerment zones and enterprise communities by June 30, 1996, they shall remain available for other authorized purposes under this head.

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out direct loans, loan guarantees, and grants, $12,740,000, of which $12,623,000 shall be transferred to and merged with ''Rural Utilities Service, Salaries and Expenses''.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 117:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 117, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert: *section 21 of the National School Lunch Act and sections 17 and 19*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 118:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 118, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$7,946,024,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 119:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 119, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$2,348,166,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 121:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 121, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert the following: *: Provided further, That once the amount for fiscal year 1995 carryover funds has been determined by the Secretary, any funds in excess of $100,000,000 may be transferred by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Rural Utilities Assistance Program and shall remain available until expended*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 122:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 122, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert: *: Provided further, That none of the funds in this account shall be available for the purchase of infant formula except in accordance with the cost containment and competitive bidding requirements specified in section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786)*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 124:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 124, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$27,597,828,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 125:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 125, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum named in said amendment, insert: *$500,000,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 126:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 126, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Restore the matter stricken by said amendment, amended to read as follows:

COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For necessary expenses to carry out the commodity supplemental food program as authorized by section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c(note)), the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983, as amended, and section 110 of the Hunger Prevention Act of 1988, $166,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 1997: Provided, That none of these funds shall be available to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for commodities donated to the program: Provided further, That none of the funds in this Act or any other Act may be used for demonstration projects in the emergency food assistance program.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 128:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 128, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Retain the matter proposed, amended as follows:

After ''That'' in said amendment, insert: *hereafter*; and the Senate agree to same.

Amendment numbered 131:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 131, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$107,769,000;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 134:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 134, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert: *: Provided further, That none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to carry out activities of the market promotion program (U.S.C. 5623) which provides direct grants to any for-profit corporation that is not recognized as a small business concern under section 3(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)), excluding cooperatives and associations as described in 7 U.S.C. 291 and nonprofit trade associations: Provided further, That funds available to trade associations, cooperatives, and small businesses may be used for individual branded promotions; with the beneficiaries having matched the cost of such promotions*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 135:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 135, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Delete the matter proposed by said amendment, and

On page 57, line 21 of the House engrossed bill, H.R. 1976, after ''Act'' insert: *, of which $60,000,000 shall be financed from funds credited to the Commodity Credit Corporation pursuant to section 426 of Public Law 103–465*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 136:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 136, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert *$12,150,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 137:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 137, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment, insert: *$53,601,000*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 152:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 152, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert the following:

SEC. 730. None of the funds appropriated or made available to the Food and Drug Administration by this Act shall be used to operate the Board of Tea Experts.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 160:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 160, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

Retain the matter proposed, amended as follows:

Strike ''immediately withdraw'' and in lieu thereof insert: *not enforce*; and the Senate agree to same.

JOE SKEEN,
JOHN T. MYERS,

JAMES T. WALSH,
JAY DICKEY,
JACK KINGSTON,
FRANK RIGGS,
GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, Jr.,
BOB LIVINGSTON,
RICHARD J. DURBIN,
MARCY KAPTUR (except for amendments 30 and 150 and the provision on APHIS quarantine exemption),
RAY THORNTON,
NITA M. LOWEY,
DAVID R. OBEY (except for amendment 150),

Managers on the Part of the House.

THAD COCHRAN,
ARLEN SPECTER,
KIT BOND,
SLADE GORTON,
MITCH MCCONNELL,
CONRAD BURNS,
MARK HATFIELD,
DALE BUMPERS,
TOM HARKIN,
J. ROBERT KERREY,
J. BENNETT JOHNSTON,
HERB KOHL,
ROBERT BYRD,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1976) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES

The conferees agree that executive branch wishes cannot substitute for Congress' own statements as to the best evidence of congressional intentions—that is, the official reports of the Congress. The conferees further point out that funds in this Act must be used for the purposes for which appropriated, as required by section 1301 of title 31 of the United States Code, which provides: ''Appropriations shall be applied only to the objects for which the appropriations were made except as otherwise provided by law.''

Report language included by the House which is not changed by the report of the Senate, and Senate report language which is not changed by the conference are approved by the committee of conference. The statement of the managers, while repeating some report language for emphasis, does not intend to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein.

TITLE I—AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Amendment No. 1: Appropriates $10,227,000 for the Office of the Secretary as proposed by the House instead of $12,801,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 2: Provides $7,500,000 for InfoShare as proposed by the House instead of $10,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement also provides that these funds remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

CHIEF ECONOMIST

Amendment No. 3: Appropriates $3,948,000 for the Office of the Chief Economist as proposed by the House instead of $3,814,000 as proposed by the Senate.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Amendment No. 4: Restores House language requiring a cost-benefit analysis of commercial software systems and related work at the National Finance Center with commercial systems.

AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL PAYMENTS

Amendment No. 5: Adds the United States Code citation providing for the delegation of authority from the Administrator of the General Services Administration to the Secretary of Agriculture as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES (USDA)

Amendment No. 6: Appropriates $650,000 for USDA Advisory Committees as proposed by the Senate instead of $800,000 as proposed by the House.

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

Amendment No. 7: Makes a technical correction by adding the word ''and'' to the bill language as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

Amendment No. 8: Restores House language consolidating all funding for congressional affairs activities into a single account and appropriating $3,797,000 for such activities. The conferees agree that this consolidation of funds will result in greater efficiencies and oversight of overall departmental activities. The conferees also agree that congressional affairs efforts are more effective if personnel are retained at the agency level. Therefore, the conference agreement includes language transferring not less than $2,355,000 to agencies funded in this Act to maintain personnel at the agency level.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

	1995 level	Conference agreement
Headquarters	$1,289,000	$967,000
Office of the Chief Economist	66,000	49,000
Office of the Inspector General	65,000	49,000
Agricultural Research Service	172,000	129,000
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service	160,000	120,000
Foreign Agricultural Service	251,000	188,000
Consolidated Farm Service Agency	474,000	355,000
Rural Utilities Service	189,000	142,000
Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service	69,000	52,000
Rural Housing and Community Development Service	335,000	251,000
Natural Resources Conservation Service	197,000	148,000
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	135,000	101,000
Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration	21,000	16,000
Agricultural Marketing Service	234,000	176,000
Food Safety and Inspection Service	412,000	309,000
Food and Consumer Service	360,000	270,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	475,000	475,000
Total	4,904,000	3,797,000

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Amendment No. 9: Provides $95,000 for confidential operational expenses of the Office of the Inspector General as proposed by the House instead of $125,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 10: Provides the Office of the Inspector General with authority to use funds transferred through forfeiture proceedings for authorized law enforcement activities as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE

Amendment No. 11: Appropriates $53,131,000 for the Economic Research Service as proposed by the House instead of $53,526,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides for the continuation of the rice modeling project under the special grants program of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Amendment No. 12: Appropriates $710,000,000 instead of $707,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and $705,610,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement includes the following increases:

Nutrition Intervention (Delta Initiative)	$900,000
National Agricultural Library	1,462,000
Rural Development (Alcorn State University)	167,000
Citrus Root Weevil	400,000
Alternatives to Methyl Bromide	750,000
Horticultural Research, National Arboretum	350,000
Animal Improvement Laboratory (BARC)	300,000
Joranado Rangeland Management	500,000
Citrus Tristeza Virus	500,000
Pine Bluff, AR (Staffing)	40,000
Arkansas Children's Hospital	300,000
Fish Farming Experimental Laboratory, AR	500,000
Small Fruit Laboratory, OR	485,000
Agroforestry, AR/MO	475,000
Livestock and Range Research, MT	80,000
Cereal Crops, WI	175,000
Wheat Virology, NE	260,000
Warmwater Aquaculture, MS	630,000
Southern Insect Management Laboratory, MS	50,000
Geriatric Nutrition Research, PA	200,000

Amendment No. 13: Makes a technical correction to properly identify the American Sugar Cane League Foundation as proposed by the Senate.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Amendment No. 14: Deletes Senate language providing that not less than $1,000,000 of the funds made available for the National Center for Agriculture Utilization Research be available for the Grain Marketing Laboratory in Manhattan, Kansas. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

BUILDING AND FACILITIES

[In thousands of dollars]

	House bill	Senate bill	Conference agreement
Arkansas: National Research Center, Stuttgart	.....	1,000	1,000
Florida: Horticultural Research Laboratory, Ft. Pierce	1,500	1,500	1,500
France: European Biological Control Laboratory, Montpellier	2,600	.....	.....
Illinois: National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Peoria	9,700	3,900	3,900
Kansas: Grain Marketing Research Laboratory, Manhattan	.....	1,000	1,000
Louisiana: Southern Regional Research Center, New Orleans	900	900	900
Maryland: Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville	8,000	8,000	8,000
Mississippi:			
National Center for Natural Products, Oxford	.....	1,500	1,500
National Center for Warmwater Aquaculture, Stoneville	.....	1,900	1,900
New York: Plum Island Animal Disease Center	5,000	5,000	5,000
South Carolina: U.S. Vegetable Laboratory	.....	4,000	3,000
Texas:			
Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory, Lubbock	1,500	1,500	1,500
Subtropical Research Laboratory, Weslaco	1,000	.....	1,000
Total, buildings and facilities	30,200	30,200	30,200

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND EXTENSIVE SERVICE

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Amendment No. 15: Provides $168,734,000 for payments under the Hatch Act instead of $166,165,000 as proposed by the House and $171,304,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 16: Provides $20,497,000 for cooperative forestry research instead of $20,185,000 as proposed by the House and $20,809,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 17: Provides $27,735,000 for payments to 1890 land-grant colleges and Tuskegee University instead of $27,313,000 as proposed by the House and $28,157,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 18: Provides $49,846,000 for special research grants instead of $31,930,000 as proposed by the House and $42,670,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement does not provide any earmark for the global change special grant.

Amendment No. 19: Provides $9,769,000 for improved pest control as proposed by the Senate instead of $11,599,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 20: Provides $96,735,000 for competitive research grants instead of $98,165,000 as proposed by the House and $99,582,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 21: Provides $5,051,000 for animal health and disease programs as proposed by the House instead of $5,551,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 22: Makes a technical correction to the United States Code citation as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 23: Provides $650,000 for alternative crops instead of $1,150,000 as proposed by the House and $500,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes $500,000 for research on canola as proposed by the both the House and the Senate, and $150,000 for research on hesperaloe as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 24: Provides $500,000 for the Critical Agricultural Materials Act as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 25: Provides $8,100,000 for low-input agriculture instead of $8,000,000 as proposed by the House and $8,112,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 26: Provides $9,200,000 for capacity building grants instead of $9,207,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 27: Provides $1,450,000 for payments to the 1994 Institutions as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 28: Provides $10,337,000 for Federal Administration instead of $6,289,000 as proposed by the House and $10,686,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 29: Appropriates $421,929,000 for Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Research and Education Activities instead of $389,172,000 as proposed by the House and $421,622,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH SERVICE

[In thousands of dollars]

	House bill	Senate bill	Conference agreement
Payments Under Hatch Act	166,165	171,304	168,734
Cooperative forestry research (McIntire-Stennis)	20,185	20,809	20,497
Payments to 1890 colleges and Tuskegee	27,313	28,157	27,735
Special Research Grants (P.L. 89–106):			
Aflatoxin (IL)	113	113	133
Agricultural diversification (HI)	.....	131	131
Agricultural management systems (MA)	.....	221	221
Alfalfa (KS)	106	106	106
Alliance for food protection (NE, GA)	300	.....	300
Alternative cropping systems (Southeast)	.....	235	235
Alternative crops (ND)	.....	550	550
Alternative crops for arid lands (TX)	85	.....	85
Alternative Marine and Fresh Water Species (MS)	.....	308	308
Alternative to pesticides and critical issues	2,000	2,000	2,000
Aquaculture (CT)	181	.....	181
Aquaculture (IL)	169	169	169
Aquaculture (LA)	330	330	330
Aquaculture (MS)	.....	592	592
Asian Products Lab (OR)	.....	212	212
Babcock Institute (WI)	.....	312	312
Barley feed for rangeland cattle (MT)	.....	250	250
Biodiesel research (MO)	.....	152	152
Biotechnology (OR)	.....	217	217
Broom snakeweed (NM)	169	169	169
Canola (KS)	85	85	85
Center for animal health and productivity (PA)	113	.....	113
Center for innovative food technology (OH)	181	.....	181
Center for rural studies (VT)	.....	32	32
Chesapeake Bay aquaculture	370	370	370
Competitiveness of agricultural products (WA)	500	677	677
Cool season legume research (ID, WA)	103	329	329
Cranberry/blueberry disease and breeding (NJ)	.....	220	220
Dairy and meat goat research (TX)	63	63	63
Delta rural revitalization (MS)	.....	148	148
Dried bean (ND)	85	85	85
Drought mitigation (NE)	200	200	200
Environmental research (NY)	486	.....	486
Expanded wheat pasture (OK)	.....	285	285
Farm and rural business finance (IL, AR)	.....	106	106
Floriculture (HI)	.....	250	250
Food and Agriculture Policy Institute (IA, MO)	850	850	850
Food irradiation (IA)	.....	201	201
Food marketing policy center (CT)	332	332	332
Food processing center (NE)	.....	42	42
Food safety consortium (AR, KS, IA)	1,743	1,743	1,743
Food systems research group (WI)	221	221	221
Forestry (AR)	.....	523	523
Fruit and vegetable market analysis (AZ, MO)	296	.....	296
Generic commodity promotion research and evaluation (NY)	212	.....	212
Global change	1,625	1,615	1,615
Global marketing support service (AR)	.....	92	92
Grass seed cropping systems for a sustainable agriculture (WA, OR, ID)	423	423	423
Human nutrition (AR)	425	.....	425
Human nutrition (IA)	.....	473	473
Human nutrition (LA)	752	752	752
Human nutrition (NY)	622	.....	622
Illinois-Missouri Alliance for Biotechnology	1,357	1,357	1,357
Improved dairy management practices (PA)	296	.....	296
Improved fruit practices (MI)	445	445	445
Institute for Food Science and Engineering (AR)	.....	1,184	750
Integrated production systems (OK)	.....	161	161
Intenational arid lands consortium	329	.....	329
Iowa biotechnology consortium	.....	1,792	1,792
Jointed goatgrass (WA)	296	296	296
Landscaping for water quality (GA)	300	.....	300
Livestock and dairy policy (NY, TX)	445	445	445
Lowbush blueberry research (ME)	.....	220	220
Maple research (VT)	.....	84	84
Michigan biotechnology consortium	1,000	.....	750
Midwest advanced food manufacturing alliance	423	423	423
Midwest agricultural products (IA)	.....	592	592
Milk safety (PA)	.....	268	268
Minor use animal drug	550	550	550
Molluscan shellfish (OR)	.....	300	300
Multi-commodity research (OR)	.....	364	364
Multi-cropping strategies for aquaculture (HI)	.....	127	127
National biological impact assessment	254	.....	254
Nematode resistance genetic engineering (NM)	127	127	127
Non-food agricultural products (NE)	.....	64	64
North central biotechnology initiative	2,000	.....	2,000
Oil resources from desert plants (NM)	169	169	169
Organic waste utilization (NW)	150	.....	150
Peach tree short life (SC)	.....	162	162
Pest control alternatives (SC)	.....	106	106
Phytophthora root rot (NM)	127	127	127
Potato research	638	1,214	1,214
Preharvest food safety (KS)	.....	212	212
Preservation and processing research (OK)	.....	226	226
Red River Corridor (MN, ND)	169	169	169
Regional barley gene mapping project	348	348	348
Regionalized implications of farm programs (MO, TX)	294	294	294
Rice Modeling (AR)	.....	.....	395
Rural development centers (PA, IA, (ND), MS, OR)	400	423	423
Rural policies institute (NE, MO)	322	644	644
Russian wheat aphid (WA, OR, CO, CA, ID)	.....	455	455
Seafood and aquaculture harvesting, processing, and marketing (MS)	.....	305	305
Small fruit research (OR, MA, ID)	212	212	212
Southwest consortium for plant genetics and water resources	338	338	338
Soybean cyst nematode (MO)	303	303	303
STEEP II—water quality in Northwest	500	829	500
Sunflower insects (ND)	.....	127	127
Sustainable agriculture (MI)	445	445	445
Sustainable agriculture and natural resources (PA)	.....	94	94
Sustainable agriculture systems (NE)	.....	59	59
Tillage, silviculture, waste management (LA)	212	212	212
Tropical and subtropical	2,809	2,809	2,809
Urban pests (GA)	64	.....	64
Viticulture consortium (NY, CA)	500	.....	500
Water conservation (KS)	79	79	79
Water quality	2,500	2,757	2,757
Weed control (ND)	.....	423	423
Wheat genetic research (KS)	177	176	176
Wood utilization research (OR, MS, NC, MN, ME, MI)	.....	3,758	3,758
Wool research (TX, MT, WY)	212	212	212
Total, Special Research Grants	31,930	42,670	49,846
Improved pest control:			
Integrated pest management	3,093	2,731	2,731
Pesticide clearance (IR–4)	6,711	5,711	5,711
Pesticide impact assessment	1,795	1,327	1,327
Total, Improved pest control	11,599	9,769	9,769
Competitive research grants:			
Plant systems	37,355	37,000	37,000
Animal systems	24,125	23,750	23,750
Nutrition, food quality and health	7,400	7,400	7,400
Natural resources and the environment	17,650	20,497	17,650
Processes and new products	6,935	6,935	6,935
Total, Competitive research grants	98,165	99,582	96,735
Animal Health and Disease (Sec. 1433)	5,051	5,551	5,051
Advanced materials	1,150	500	.....
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	.....	500	500
Aquaculture Centers (Sec. 1475)	4,000	4,000	4,000
Rangeland Research Grants (Sec. 1480)	475	475	475
Alternative Crops	.....	.....	650
Low-input agriculture	8,000	8,112	8,100
Higher Education	8,850	8,850	8,850
Capacity building grants	.....	9,207	9,200
Native American Institutions Endowment Fund	(4,600)	(4,600)	(4,600)
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	.....	1,450	1,450

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH SERVICE—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

	House bill	Senate bill	Conference agreement
Federal Administration:			
Agricultural biotechnology	.....	394	.....
Agriculture development in American Pacific	564	564	564
Alternative fuels characterization lab (ND)	.....	218	218
Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (IA)	.....	655	655
Center for North American Studies (TX)	87	87	87
Geographic information system	.....	939	939
Herd management (TN)	.....	535	535
Mississippi Valley State University	.....	583	583
Office of grants and program systems	314	314	314
Pay costs and FERS (prior)	451	551	551
Peer panels	300	350	350
PM–10 study (CA, WA)	873	873	873
Rural partnership (NE)	.....	250	250
Shrimp aquaculture (AZ, HI, MS, MA, SC)	3,000	3,054	3,054
Vocational aquaculture education	.....	436	436
Water quality (IL)	700	492	492
Water quality (ND)	.....	436	436
Total, Federal Administration	6,289	10,686	10,337
Total, Cooperative State Research Service	389,172	421,622	421,929

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Amendment No. 30: Appropriates $57,838,000 for Buildings and Facilities of the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

The conference agreement has included funding for this program with the understanding that it will be terminated after fiscal year 1997. The conferees expect that projects funded by this appropriation will be based on a matching formula of not to exceed 50 percent Federal and not less than 50 percent non-Federal funding. Matching requirements must be based on cash rather than in-kind contribution for any facility except for projects started prior to fiscal year 1994. Federal funding will be based on firm indications of local cost sharing. The research programs to be carried out at these facilities must be complimentary to the overall programs of the Department of Agriculture.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

[In thousands of dollars]

	House bill	Senate bill	Conference agreement
Alabama: Poultry science facility, Auburn University	.....	1,338	1,338
Arkansas: Alternative Pest Control Center, Carnall Hall	.....	1,000	1,000
California: Alternative Pest Control Containment and Quarantine Facility, University of California[1]	.....	1,876	3,057
Connecticut: Agricultural biotechnology building, University of Connecticut	.....	1,347	1,347
Delaware: Poultry Biocontainment Laboratory[1]	.....	1,751	1,751
Florida: Aquatic Research Facility, University of Florida[1]	.....	1,500	1,500
Idaho: Biotechnology Facility, University of Idaho	.....	1,181	.....
Illinois: Biotechnology Center, Northwestern University	.....	1,366	1,366
Louisiana: Southeast Research Station, Franklinton[1]	.....	1,280	1,280
Maryland: Institute for Natural Resources and Environmental Science, University of Maryland	.....	2,288	2,288
Massachusetts: Center for Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy, Tufts University	.....	1,641	1,641
Mississippi:			
Center for Water and Wetland Resources, University of Mississippi[1]	.....	1,555	1,555
National Food Service Management Institute[1]	.....	3,000	3,000

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

	House bill	Senate bill	Conference agreement
Missouri: Center for Plant Biodiversity, St. Louis	.....	3,995	3,995
New Jersey: Plant Bioscience Facility, Rutgers University	.....	2,262	2,262
New Mexico: Center for Arid Land Studies, New Mexico State University	.....	1,464	1,464
New York: New York Botanical Garden[1]	.....	1,665	1,665
North Carolina: Bowman-Gray Center, Wake Forest	.....	3,000	3,000
Oklahoma: Grain Storage Research and Extension Center, Oklahoma State University[1]	.....	495	495
Oregon: Forest Ecosystem Research Lab, Oregon State University	.....	5,000	5,000
Pennsylvania: Center for Food Marketing, St. Joseph's University[1]	.....	2,438	2,438
Rhode Island: Coastal Institute on Naragansett Bay, University of Rhode Island[1]	.....	3,854	3,854
South Dakota: Animal Resource Wing, South Dakota State University	.....	2,700	2,700
Tennessee: Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Research Complex, University of Tennessee in Knoxville	.....	1,928	1,928
Texas: Southern crop improvement, Texas A & M	.....	1,400	1,400
Vermont: Rural Community Interactive Learning Center, University of Vermont	.....	2,000	2,000
Washington:			
Animal Disease Biotechnology Facility, Washington State University	.....	1,263	1,263
Wheat research facility, Washington State University[1]	.....	3,251	3,251
Total, buildings and facilities	.....	57,838	57,838

[1] Completed.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Amendment No. 31: Provides $268,493,000 for sections 3(b) and 3(c) of the Smith-Lever Act instead of $264,405,000 as proposed by the House and $272,582,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 32: Provides $60,510,000 for the Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) instead of $59,588,000 as proposed by the House and $61,431,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 33: Provides $2,943,000 for farm safety instead of $2,898,000 as proposed by the House and $2,988,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 34: Provides $7,782,000 for 1890 facilities grants instead of $7,664,000 as proposed by the House and $7,901,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 35: Provides $936,000 for rural development centers instead of $921,000 as proposed by the House and $950,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 36: Provides $11,065,000 for water quality instead of $10,897,000 as proposed by the House and $11,234,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 37: Provides $1,203,000 for agricultural telecommunications instead of $1,184,000 as proposed by the House and $1,221,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 38: Provides $9,850,000 for youth-at-risk programs instead of $9,700,000 as proposed by the House and $10,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 39: Deletes Senate language providing $4,265,000 for the nutrition education initiative. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 40: Provides $2,438,000 for food safety instead of $2,400,000 as proposed by the House and $2,475,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 41: Provides $3,291,000 for the Renewable Resources Extension Act instead of $3,241,000 as proposed by the House and $3,341,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 42: Provides $1,724,000 for Indian reservation agents instead of $1,697,000 as proposed by the House and $1,750,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 43: Provides $2,709,000 for rural health and safety education instead of $2,750,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 44: Provides $25,090,000 for the 1890 colleges and Tuskegee University instead of $24,708,000 as proposed by the House and $25,472,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 45: Deletes Senate language providing $2,550,000 for payments to the 1994 Institutions. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 46: Makes a technical correction to the United States Code citation as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 47: Provides $12,209,000 for Federal administration of Extension Activities instead of $6,181,000 as proposed by the House and $10,998,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

[In thousands of dollars]

	Fiscal year 1995 enacted	House bill	Senate bill	Conference agreement
Smith Lever: 3(d)				
Smith Lever 3(b) & 3(c)	272,582	264,405	272,582	268,493
Pest management	10,947	10,947	10,947	10,783
Water quality	11,234	10,897	11,234	11,065
Farm safety	2,988	2,898	2,988	2,943
Food and nutrition education (EFNEP)	61,431	59,588	61,431	60,510
Pesticide impact assessment	3,363	3,363	3,363	3,313
Rural development centers	950	921	950	936
Sustainable agriculture	3,463	3,463	3,463	3,411
Food safety	2,475	2,400	2,475	2,438
Youth at risk	10,000	9,700	10,000	9,850
Indian reservation agent	1,750	1,697	1,750	1,724
Nutrition education initiative	4,265	.....	4,265	.....
1890's Colleges and Tuskegee	25,472	24,708	25,472	25,090
1890's facilities grants	7,901	7,664	7,901	7,782
Renewable Resources Extension Act	3,341	3,241	3,341	3,291
Agricultural telecommunications	1,221	1,184	1,221	1,203
Rural health and safety education	2,750	.....	2,750	2,709
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	.....	.....	2,550	.....
Subtotal	426,133	407,076	428,683	415,541
Federal Administration and special grants:				
General administration	5,241	4,924	5,102	5,162
Pilot tech. transfer (OK, MS)	331	.....	331	326
Pilot tech. transfer (WI)	165	160	.....	163
Rural rehabilitation (GA)	250	.....	250	246
Income enhancement demonstration (OH)	250	243	.....	246
Rural development (NM)	230	223	230	227
Rural development (NE)	392	.....	200	386
Rural development (OK)	300	.....	300	296
Chinch bug/Russian wheat aphid project (NE)	67	.....	.....	.....
Beef producers' improvement (AR)	200	.....	200	197
Integrated cow/calf resources management (IA)	350	.....	350	345
Extension specialist (AR)	100	.....	100	99
Rural center for the study and promotion of HIV/STD prevention (IN)	250	243	.....	246
Cranberry development (ME)	50	.....	.....	.....
Delta teachers academy	3,935	.....	3,935	3,876
Wood biomass as an alternative farm product (NY)	200	194	.....	197
Range improvement (NM)	200	194	.....	197
Agricultural Plastics (VT)	100	.....	.....	.....
Total, Federal Administration	12,611	6,181	10,998	12,209
Total, Extension Activities	438,744	413,257	439,681	427,750

Amendment No. 48: Appropriates $427,750,000 for Extension Activities instead of $413,257,000 as proposed by the House and $439,681,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement also provides $10,783,000 for pest management instead of $10,947,000 as proposed by both the House and

the Senate; $3,313,000 for pesticide impact assessment instead of $3,363,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate; and $3,411,000 for sustainable agriculture instead of $3,463,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 49: Appropriates $331,667,000 for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Salaries and Expenses instead of $333,410,000 as proposed by the House and $329,125,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The following table reflects the conference agreement:

[In thousands of dollars]

	Fiscal year 1995 enacted	House bill	Senate bill	Conference agreement
Pest and Disease Exclusion				
Agricultural quarantine inspection	25,140	24,914	24,914	24,914
User fees	96,660	100,254	100,254	100,254
Subtotal, Agricultural quarantine inspection	121,800	125,168	125,168	125,168
Foot-and-month disease	3,995	3,991	3,991	3,991
Import-export inspection	6,535	6,528	6,528	6,528
International programs	6,106	6,100	6,100	6,100
Mediterranean fruit fly exclusion	10,089	10,079	10,079	10,079
Mexican fruit fly exclusion	2,156	2,153	2,153	2,153
Screwworm	34,029	33,969	33,969	33,969
Total, Pest and disease exclusion	184,710	187,988	187,988	187,988
Plant and Animal Health Monitoring				
Animal health monitoring and surveillance	59,381	59,276	59,276	59,276
Animal and plant health regulatory enforcement	5,865	5,855	5,855	5,855
Fruit fly detection	3,923	3,919	3,923	3,919
Pest detection	4,206	4,202	4,206	4,202
Total, Plant and animal health monitoring	73,375	73,252	73,260	73,252
Pest and Disease Management Programs				
Animal Damage control—operations	26,592	26,566	26,642	26,642
Aquaculture	493	413	493	470
Biocontrol	7,504	7,497	6,290	6,290
Boll weevil	18,084	18,066	18,084	18,084
Brucellosis eradication	27,781	24,663	21,580	23,360
Cattle ticks	4,578	3,837	4,537	4,537
Golden nematode	615	435	435	435
Gypsy moth	5,177	4,367	4,367	4,367
Imported fire ant	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous plant diseases	1,988	1,516	1,516	1,516
Noxious weeds	404	338	338	338
Pink bollworm	1,069	1,068	1,069	1,069
Pre-harvest program	2,800	.....	.....	.....
Pseudorabies	4,543	4,543	4,543	4,543
Salmonella enteritidis	3,384	.....	.....	.....
Scrapie	2,969	2,967	2,172	2,967
Sweet potato whitefly	2,400	2,398	2,400	2,398
Tropical bont tick	537	537	452	452
Tuberculosis	5,499	4,609	4,609	4,609
Witchweed	1,975	1,663	1,663	1,663
Total, Pest and disease management programs	119,892	106,483	102,190	104,740
Animal Care				
Animal welfare	9,262	9,185	9,185	9,185
Horse protection	362	362	362	362
Total, Animal care	9,624	9,547	9,547	9,547
Scientific and Technical Services				
ADC methods development	9,681	9,665	9,665	9,665
Biotechnology/environmental protection	7,690	7,677	7,677	7,677
Integrated systems acquisition project	3,500	4,055	4,055	4,055
Plant methods development laboratories	5,059	5,053	5,053	5,053
Veterinary biologics	10,371	10,360	10,360	10,360
Veterinary diagnostics	14,811	14,785	14,785	14,785
Total, Scientific and technical services	51,112	51,595	51,595	51,595
Contingency fund	4,938	4,799	4,799	4,799
Total, Salaries and expenses	443,651	433,664	429,379	431,921

The conferees are aware of a recent boll weevil outbreak in New Mexico. This outbreak has potentially devastating consequences. The conferees expect the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to monitor the situation and keep the Committees on Appropriations advised.

The conferees concur with the House report language regarding the regulation of importation of Mexican avocados.

The conference agreement includes language allowing the Secretary of Agriculture to fund all costs for agricultural equine quarantine inspection services in connection with the 1996 Summer Olympic Games.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Amendment No. 50: Deletes Senate language adding the word ''modernization'' to the list of authorized uses of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Buildings and Facilities funds. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 51: Appropriates $8,757,000 for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Buildings and Facilities instead of $12,541,000 as proposed by the House and $4,973,000 as proposed by the Senate.

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

MARKETING SERVICES

Amendment No. 52: Appropriates $46,517,000 for Marketing Services of the Agricultural Marketing Service as proposed by the Senate instead of $46,662,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees expect the agency to continue with the implementation of the organic certification program.

PAYMENTS TO STATES AND POSSESSIONS

Amendment No. 53: Makes a technical correction changing the year of the Agricultural Marketing Act as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 54: Appropriates $1,200,000 for Payments to States and Possessions as proposed by the Senate instead of $1,000,000 as proposed by the House.

GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 55: Appropriates $23,058,000 for Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Salaries and Expenses as proposed by the House instead of $23,289,000 as proposed by the Senate.

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD SAFETY

Amendment No. 56: Appropriates $440,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety as proposed by the Senate instead of $450,000 as proposed by the House.

FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE

Amendment No. 57: Appropriates $544,906,000 for the Food Safety and Inspection Service instead of $540,365,000 as proposed by the House and $563,004,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement does not include funding to continue the *Salmonella enteritidis* program.

CONSOLIDATED FARM SERVICE AGENCY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 58: Makes a technical correction and provides for the administration and implementation of programs that are administered by the Consolidated Farm Service Agency as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 59: Appropriates $795,000,000 for Salaries and Expenses of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency instead of $788,388,000 as proposed by the House and $805,888,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 60: Provides $1,000,000 for employment under the Organic Act of 1944 as proposed by the Senate instead of $500,000 as proposed by the House.

STATE MEDIATION GRANTS

Amendment No. 61: Appropriates $2,000,000 for State Mediation Grants as proposed by the House instead of $3,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

OUTREACH FOR SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS

Amendment No. 62: Appropriates $1,000,000 for Outreach for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers instead of $2,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conferees expect the Secretary to submit to the Committees on Appropriations a detailed report on grantees and results of the program.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Amendment No. 63: Provides a total of $610,000,000 for farm ownership loans as proposed by the Senate instead of $585,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 64: Provides a total of $2,450,000,000 for farm operating loans as proposed by the Senate instead of $2,300,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 65: Deletes funding for credit sales of acquired property instead of $22,500,000 as proposed by the House and $21,696,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 66: Appropriates a total of $34,053,000 for the subsidy cost of farm ownership loans as proposed by the Senate instead of $28,206,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 67: Appropriates a total of $111,505,000 for the subsidy cost of farm operating loans as proposed by the Senate instead of $91,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 68: Deletes funding for the subsidy cost of credit sales of acquired property instead of $4,113,000 as proposed by the House and $3,966,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 69: Appropriates $221,541,000 for administrative expenses as proposed by the House instead of $227,258,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 70: Provides for a transfer of $208,446,000 in administrative expenses to Salaries and Expenses as proposed by the House instead of $214,163,000 as proposed by the Senate.

TITLE II—CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

Amendment No. 71: Restores House language and deletes language inserted by the Senate. The conference agreement provides $677,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment as proposed by the House.

The conferees have agreed to delete the Senate amendment transferring jurisdiction of the United States Forest Service from the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment to the Office of the Secretary. The conferees note the concerns resulting in the Senate's adoption of this amendment and agree that the Under Secretary should conduct policy and procedural affairs in a manner that promotes communication with the legislative branch and those members of the community affected by his decisions. The Under Secretary should carry out the functions of this office in a manner that properly reflects adherence to statutory direction, legislative history, and judicial interpretation. It is important that proper notice of

changes in administration policy and other matters is afforded all interested parties as a means to best serve the comity of public policy debate and avoid unnecessary and potentially harmful misunderstandings and misdirections. The Senate decision to recede to the House is based on personal assurances from the Secretary that he will take steps to address the issues raised by the Senate. The Secretary should review the concerns and recommendations outlined by the Senate during its consideration of this matter.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

CONSERVATION OPERATIONS

Amendment No. 72: Appropriates $629,986,000 for Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations as proposed by the House instead of $637,860,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement also provides for the funds to remain available until expended as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes $350,000 for Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil and Erosion Sediment Control as proposed by the House instead of $250,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement also provides for the continuation, at the fiscal year 1995 level, of technical assistance for a rural recycling and water resource protection initiative in the Mississippi Delta region of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi; and existing groundwater projects in eastern Arkansas, including Bayou Meto an Beouf/Tensas.

Amendment No. 73: Adds the United States Code citation allowing for the temporary employment of qualified local engineers as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

RIVER BASIN SURVEYS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Amendment No. 74: Deletes language proposed by the Senate providing $8,369,000 for River Basin Surveys and Investigations. The conferees address this issue in Amendment No. 81.

WATERSHED PLANNING

Amendment No. 75: Deletes language proposed by the Senate providing $5,630,000 for Watershed Planning. The conferees address this issue in Amendment No. 81.

WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

Amendment No. 76: Deletes House language providing that only-high-priority authorized Public Law 534 projects be funded. The conferees address this issue in Amendment No. 77.

Amendment No. 77: Provides $15,000,000 for authorized Public Law 534 projects as proposed by the Senate. The House bill did not provide a specific dollar amount for these projects.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Amendment No. 78: Adds language proposed by the Senate and appropriates $29,000,000 for Resource Conservation and Development. The House bill provided funding for this program as part of Amendment No. 82.

FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

Amendment No. 79: Adds language proposed by the Senate and appropriates $6,325,000 for the Forestry Incentives Program. The House bill provided funding for this program as part of Amendment No. 82.

The conference agreement provides for the continuation of assistance in the replanting of harvested pine trees in Texas at the fiscal year 1995 funding level.

COLORADO RIVER BASIN SALINITY CONTROL PROGRAM

Amendment No. 80: Adds language proposed by the Senate and appropriates $2,681,000 for the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program. The House bill provided funding for this program as part of Amendment No. 82.

WATESHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING

Amendment No. 81: Restores House language providing $14,000,000 for Watershed Surveys and Planning.

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Amendment No. 82: Deletes language proposed by the House consolidating the funding for Resource Conservation and Development, the Forestry Incentives Program, and the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program into a single appropriation. The conference agreement continues to fund these programs as separate appropriations as proposed by the Senate.

WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM

Amendment No. 83: Appropriates $77,000,000 for the Wetlands Reserve Program as proposed by the Senate instead of $210,000,000 as proposed by the House.

The conferees are aware that under the Wetlands Reserve Program the Secretary of Agriculture as the authority to purchase easements through partnerships, private landowners, and entities. The conferees encourage the Secretary to explore all options available as a way to achieve a more cost-effective and environmentally beneficial program.

CONSOLIDATED FARM SERVICE AGENCY

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Amendment No. 84: Appropriates $75,000,000 for the Agricultural Conservation Program as proposed by the House instead of $50,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 85: Provides $11,000,000 for the Water Quality Incentives Programs as proposed by the House instead of $15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes the fiscal year 1995 level to continue a demonstration project to reduce atrazine levels in the lakes of Macoupin County, Illinois. The conference agreement also includes the fiscal year 1995 level to continue to provide cost-shared financial assistance to farmers and local communities in support of rural recycling and water resource protection initiative in the Mississippi Delta region of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. The conferees urge the Department to provide assistance to Lake Springfield in an effort to reduce atrazine levels.

TITLE III—RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Amendment No. 86: Deletes Senate language establishing a Rural Community Advancement Program. The House bill contained no similar provision.

RURAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 87: Appropriates $46,583,000 for Rural Housing and Community Development Service, Salaries and Expenses instead of $42,820,000 as proposed by the House and $50,346,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees agree that the Secretary may use his authority to allocate unobligated fiscal year 1995 section 504 funds for Hurricane Marilyn relief efforts in the Virgin Islands.

RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Amendment No. 88: Provides a total loan level of $2,700,000,000 for section 502 loans as proposed by the Senate instead of $2,250,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 89: Deletes the loan level for credit sales of acquired property instead of providing a program level of $35,000,000 as proposed by the House and $42,484,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 90: Restores House language providing that the Pine View West Subdivision in Gibsonville, North Carolina, be eligible for section 502 loans.

Amendment No. 91: Appropriates a total of $148,723,000 for the subsidy cost of section 502 loans instead of $118,335,000 as proposed by the House and $212,790,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 92: Restores and amends House language providing that funds for the section 515 rental housing program be available only for rehabilitation of existing units and related costs and funds for new construction be available upon reauthorization instead of making all funds for the program contingent on reauthorization as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 93: Deletes funds for the subsidy cost of credit sales of acquired property instead of providing $6,100,000 as proposed by the House and $7,405,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 94: Restores House language establishing a $1,000,000 demonstration program of loan guarantees for multifamily housing in rural areas to be funded from the section 515 program, if authorized.

Amendment No. 95: Appropriates $385,889,000 for Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account administrative expenses as proposed by the House instead of $389,818,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 96: Provides for the transfer of $372,897,000 from administrative expenses to Rural Housing and Community Development Service, Salaries and Expenses instead of $372,897,506 as proposed by the House and $376,860,000 as proposed by the Senate.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Amendment No. 97: Appropriates $540,900,000 for the Rental Assistance Program as proposed by the Senate instead of $535,900,000 as proposed by the House.

COMMUNITY FACILITY LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Amendment No. 98: Restores House language appropriating a subsidy cost of $34,880,000 to support a loan level of $200,000,000 in direct loans and a subsidy cost of $3,555,000 to support a loan level of $75,000,000 in guaranteed loans. The conference agreement includes a subsidy cost of $1,208,000 to support a loan level of $6,930,000 for empowerment zones and enterprise communities. The conference agreement also provides an appropriation of $8,836,000 for administrative expenses, of which $8,731,000 shall be transferred to Salaries and Expenses. The Senate bill provided for these programs in the Rural Community Advancement Program.

SUPERVISORY AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Amendment No. 99: Deletes Senate language providing $1,000,000 for Supervisory and Technical Assistance Grants. The House bill contained no similar provision.

RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS

Amendment No. 100: Appropriates $2,000,000 for Rural Community Fire Protection Grants instead of $1,000,000 as proposed by the House and $3,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

RURAL BUSINESS AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 101: Appropriates $9,013,000 for Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service, Salaries and Expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of $9,520,000 as proposed by the House.

RURAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Amendment No. 102: Restores House language appropriating a subsidy cost of $6,437,000 to support a loan level of $500,000,000. The conference agreement includes a subsidy cost of $148,000 to support a loan level of $10,842,000 for empowerment zones and enterprise communities. The conference agreement also appropriates $14,868,000 for administrative expenses, of which $14,747,000 shall be transferred to Salaries and Expenses. The Senate bill provided for these programs in the Rural Community Advancement Program.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Amendment No. 103: Deletes House language and inserts Senate language appropriating a subsidy cost of $22,395,000 to support a loan level of $37,544,000. The conference agreement provides a subsidy cost of $4,322,000 for empowerment zones and enterprise communities as proposed by the House instead of $6,484,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement also appropriates $1,476,000 in administrative expenses as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no funds for administrative expenses.

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Amendment No. 104: Appropriates $654,000 for administrative expenses of the Rural Economic Development Loans Program Account instead of $584,000 as proposed by the House and $724,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ALTERNATIVE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION REVOLVING FUND

Amendment No. 105: Appropriates $6,500,000 for the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Revolving Fund instead of $5,000,000 as proposed by the House and $10,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees expect the Secretary to provide a report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on steps taken to resolve the problems in this program identified by the Inspector General in his Semiannual Report to Congress (Fiscal Year 1995—First Half). Specifically, the report should address issues relating to conflict-of-interest in board decisions, failure to file financial disclosure reports, and exceeding the authorized terms of Board Members.

RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANTS

Amendment No. 106: Restores House language appropriating $45,000,000 for Rural Business Enterprise Grants. The Senate bill provided for this program in the Rural Community Advancement Program.

The House and Senate reports include lists of projects to be considered by the Department under the Rural Business Enterprise Grants program. The conferees believe that there will be other commendable applications to the Department in addition to those mentioned in the reports. The conferees expect the Department to approve only those applications judged meritorious when subjected to the established review process.

The conferees urge the Department to consider the following projects which were not mentioned in the House and Senate reports. The conferees expect the Department to apply the same criteria of review to these projects as are applied to other applications.

Health care facility, Clay City, Indiana.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development and Partners, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Rural Opportunities, Inc., Rochester, New York.

Estranosa Water Cooperative, New Mexico.

Southern Kentucky Rural Development Center, Somerset, Kentucky.

RURAL TECHNOLOGY AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Amendment No. 107: Appropriates $2,300,000 for Rural Technology and Cooperative Development Grants instead of $1,500,000 as proposed by the House and $3,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees agree that up to $1,300,000 of these funds may be used for the Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas program as proposed by the Senate.

RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELEPHONE LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Amendment No. 108: Establishes a loan level of $525,000,000 for municipal rate rural electric loans instead of $500,000,000 as proposed by the House and $550,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendent No. 109: Appropriates a subsidy cost of $56,858,000 for municipal rate loans instead of $54,150,000 as proposed by the House and $59,565,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 110: Deletes House language permitting borrower interest rates for electric loans to exceed 7 percent per year as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 111: Appropriates $29,982,000 for administrative expenses as proposed by the House instead of $32,183,000 as proposed by the Senate.

RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Amendment No. 112: Appropriates a subsidy cost of $5,023,000 for Rural Telephone Bank loans as proposed by the Senate instead of $770,000 as proposed by the House.

Amendment No. 113: Appropriates $3,541,000 for administrative expenses as proposed by the House instead of $6,167,000 as proposed by the Senate.

RURAL UTILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Amendment No. 114: Restores House language providing a single account for rural water and waste disposal grants and loans and for solid waste management grants, and appropriates $487,868,000 for the Rural Utilities Assistance Program instead of $435,000,000 as proposed by the House. The agreement also provides $12,740,000 for administrative expenses. The Senate bill provided for these programs in the Rural Community Advancement Program.

The conference agreement also includes $18,700,000 for Colonias, $18,688,000 for empowerment zones and enterprise communities, and $4,500,000 for a circuit rider program.

The conferees expect the Secretary to continue multi-state regional rural community assistance programs to provide solid waste management technical assistance at a rate not less than that of fiscal year 1995. The conferees also expect the Secretary to continue grants for technical assistance authorized under section 306(16)(c) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended, at a rate not less than that of fiscal year 1995.

The conferees agree to change the name of the program from the Rural Development Performance Partnerships Program to the Rural Utilities Assistance Program.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 115: Appropriates $18,449,000 for Rural Utilities Service, Salaries and Expenses as proposed by the Senate instead of $19,211,000 as proposed by the House.

TITLE IV—DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOOD, NUTRITION AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Amendment No. 116: Appropriates $440,000 for the Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services as proposed by the House instead of $540,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FOOD AND CONSUMER SERVICE

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Amendment No. 117: Provides for the exemption of sections 17 and 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and section 21 of the National School Lunch Act instead of section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 as proposed by the House and sections 17, 19, and 21 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 118: Provides a total of $7,946,024,000 for Child Nutrition Programs instead of $7,952,424,000 as proposed by the House and $7,952,610,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 119: Provides that $2,348,166,000 for Child Nutrition Programs is hereby appropriated instead of $2,354,566,000 as proposed by the House and $2,354,752,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides for the Child Nutrition Programs at the following annual rates:

Total obligational authority

[Dollars in thousands]

	Conference agreement
Child Nutrition Programs:	
School lunch program	$4,433,690
School breakfast program	1,160,454
State administrative expenses	101,607
Summer food service program	280,303
Child and adult care food program	1,657,493
Special milk program	18,652
Commodity procurement	275,199
Nutrition studies and surveys	4,162
Nutrition education and training	(1)
Coordinated review system	3,964
Food Service Management Institute	(1)
School meals initiative	10,500
Total	7,946,024

(1) Funds provided by Public Law 103–448, Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994, for 1996 are $10,000,000 for nutrition education and training and $2,000,000 for the Food Service Management Institute.

Amendment No. 120: Deletes language proposed by the House providing funds for the Nutrition Education and Training Program and the Food Service Management Institution through this Act. The conference agreement provides for the funding of these two programs through a permanent appropriation established in the Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Amendment No. 121: Provides that once the amount of fiscal year 1995 carryover funds has been determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, he may transfer any amount in excess of $100,000,000 to the Rural Utilities Assistance Program. The Senate bill contained similar language, but did not allow for this transfer until on or after July 1, 1996. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 122: Provides that none of the funds provided in this account shall be available to purchase infant formula except in accordance with cost-containment and competitive bidding requirements specified in section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

Amendment No. 123: Deletes language proposed by the Senate providing $86,000,000 for

the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conference agreement addresses this program in Amendment No. 126.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Amendment No. 124: Appropriates $27,597,828,000 for the Food Stamp Program instead of $27,097,828,000 as proposed by the House and $28,097,828,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees concur with House report language regarding the acceleration of pilot projects on productivity enhancers.

Amendment No. 125: Provides $500,000,000 for a food stamp contingency reserve instead of $1,000,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Amendment No. 126: Restores and modifies House language providing $166,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture to carry out three commodity assistance programs—Commodity Supplemental Food Program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and Soup Kitchens. The conference agreement also allows for TEFAP commodity purchases.

FOOD DONATIONS PROGRAMS FOR SELECTED GROUPS

Amendment No. 127: Appropriates $215,000,000 for the Food Donations Programs for Selected Groups as proposed by the House instead of $217,250,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 128: Adds language proposed by the Senate establishing a maximum rate of reimbursement to states, subject to reduction if obligations exceed available funds. The conference agreement also makes this provision permanent law. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 129: Deletes language proposed by the Senate providing $40,000,000 for Soup Kitchens. The House bill and the conference agreement address this program in Amendment No. 126.

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Amendment No. 130: Deletes language propose by the Senate providing $40,000,000 for The Emergency Food Assistance Program. The House bill and the conference agreement address this program in Amendment No. 126.

FOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Amendment No. 131: Appropriates $107,769,000 for Food Program Administration instead of $108,323,000 as proposed by the House and $107,215,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 132: Deletes language proposed by the Senate earmarking $750,000 for an automated data processing infrastructure. The House bill contained no similar provision.

TITLE V—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

Amendment No. 133: Appropriates $124,775,000 for the Foreign Agricultural Service as proposed by the Senate instead of $123,520,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement includes the budget request for the Cochran Fellowship Program.

Amendment No. 134: Provides a limitation on activities of the Market Promotion Program which will prohibit the granting of Federal funds to for-profit corporations that are not described under the Small Business Act. The conferees agree, however, that funds would continue to be available to farmer-owned cooperatives and trade associations. The conferees also recognize the important role of trade associations in directing branded promotional activities in emerging foreign markets. The conferees also agree that the Department of Agriculture should not discriminate between cooperatives and small businesses in allocating Market Promotion Program funds.

PUBLIC LAW 480 PROGRAM AND GRANT ACCOUNTS

Amendment No. 135: Provides that $60,000,000 in savings resulting from Public Law 103–465 be used to finance title II of Public Law 480 funding. The Senate bill proposes that $50,000,000 in credited savings be used for title III. The House bill contained no similar provision.

TITLE VI—RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Amendment No. 136: Appropriates $12,150,000 for Food and Drug Administration, Buildings and Facilities instead of $15,350,000 as proposed by the House and $8,350,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees agree that the Senate language regarding the Food and Drug Administration's field office restructuring is not intended to impede consolidation efforts.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Amendment No. 137: Appropriates $53,601,000 for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission instead of $49,144,000 as proposed by the House and $54,058,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Provision

Amendment No. 138: Adds language proposed by the Senate allowing employees of the Farm Credit Administration to reenter the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan. The House bill contains no similar provision.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Amendment No. 139: Deletes the word ''and'' which was added by the Senate.

Amendment No. 140: Adds language proposed by the Senate which adds that Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses funds made available to county committees remain available until expended. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 141: Makes a technical correction updating the fiscal year citation as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 142: Adds language proposed by the Senate that exempts Small Business Innovation Development grants from a 14 percent overhead cap. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 143: Makes a technical correction changing the word ''Agriculture'' to ''Agricultural'' as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 144: Restores House language prohibiting an increase in full-time equivalent positions in certain offices of the Food and Drug Administration above the fiscal year 1995 level.

Amendment No. 145: Restores House language prohibiting the use of Market Promotion Program funds for assistance to the U.S. Mink Export Development Council or any mink industry trade association. The Senate bill addresses this issue in Amendment No. 157.

Amendment No. 146: Limits the acreage enrollment in the Wetlands Reserve Program to not more than 100,000 acres in fiscal year 1996 as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 147: Deletes language proposed by the Senate limiting the Export Enhancement Program to $795,556,000. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 148: Deletes language proposed by the Senate prohibiting disaster payments to livestock producers for feed if crop insurance is available. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 149: Prohibits the enrollment of additional acres into the Conservation Reserve Program in fiscal year 1996 and requires 1,579,000 new acres to be enrolled in the year beginning on January 1, 1997, as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 150: Provides that none of the funds in this Act may be used to develop guidelines, implement, or enforce the poultry labeling regulations promulgated on August 25, 1995, until legislation is enacted directing the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate such a regulation, or the House and Senate authorizing committees receive and approve a revised proposal as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 151: Deletes language proposed by the Senate prohibiting funds from being used for the salaries and expenses of the Board of Tea Experts. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conference agreement addresses this issue in Amendment No. 152.

Amendment No. 152: Provides that none of the funds appropriated or made available to the Food and Drug Administration in this Act shall be used to operate the Board of Tea Experts as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement does not repeal the Tea Importation Act as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 153: Deletes the sense of the Senate language providing that the marketing assessment statute for the Tobacco program be amended to cover the administrative costs of the tobacco program. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 154: Provides that none of the funds shall be used for any action that results in a loss or restriction and use of water from existing water supply facilities located on National Forest lands as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 155: Deletes language proposed by the Senate providing for energy savings at Federal facilities. The House bill contained no similar provisions.

Amendment No. 156: Deletes the sense of the Senate language providing that the marketing assessment statute for the peanut program be amended to cover the administrative costs of the peanut program. The House bill contained no similar provision.

Amendment No. 157: Deletes language proposed by the Senate prohibiting the funds made available in the Market Promotion Program from being used to carry out mink exports. The House bill and the conferees address this issue in Amendment No. 145.

Amendment No. 158: Deletes the sense of the Senate language on United States-Canadian cooperation concerning an outlet to relieve flooding at Devils Lake in North Dakota. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conferees expect the Natural Resources Conservation Service to participate in a technical committee to address the problem.

Amendment No. 159: Deletes language proposed by the Senate repealing the Swine Health Advisory Committee and the Global Climate Change Technical Advisory Committee. The House bill contained no similar provisions.

Amendment No. 160: Amends language proposed by the Senate directing the Secretary of Agriculture to not enforce final regulations promulgated on September 8, 1995, to implement the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990. The

conferees expect the Secretary to take notice and public comment on these final regulations and make the appropriate revisions based upon that public comment. Such revisions should be directed at provisions in the regulations, including but not limited to, excessive log painting requirements, substitution and sourcing regulations, the transportation of private timber into or through sourcing areas; and provisions that discourage domestic use of private timber; among other provisions of the regulation.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1996 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1995 amount, the 1996 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1996 follow:

New budget (obligations) authority, fiscal year 1995.	$68,991,361,000
Budget estimates for new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1996	66,421,993,000
House bill, fiscal year 1996	62,579,232,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1996	63,825,150,000
Conference agreement, fiscal year 1996	63,194,564,000
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1995	−5,796,797,000
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1996	−3,227,429,000
House bill, fiscal year 1996	+615,332,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1996	−630,586,000

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CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 895, SMALL BUSINESS LENDING ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1995

Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas submitted the following conference report and statement on the Senate bill (S. 895) to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration in certain loans guaranteed by the administration, and for other purposes.

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 104–269)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 895), to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration in certain loans guaranteed by the Administration, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the text of the bill and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Small Business Lending Enhancement Act of 1995''.

SEC. 2. REDUCED LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN GUARANTEED LOANS.

Section 7(a)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

''(2) LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN GUARANTEED LOANS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), in an agreement to participate in a loan on a deferred basis under this subsection (including a loan made under the Preferred Lenders Program), such participation by the Administration shall be equal to—

''(i) 75 percent of the balance of the financing outstanding at the time of disbursement of the loan, if such balance exceeds $100,000; or

''(ii) 80 percent of the balance of the financing outstanding at the time of disbursement of the loan, if such balance is less than or equal to $100,000.

''(B) REDUCED PARTICIPATION UPON REQUEST.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The guarantee percentage specified by subparagraph (A) for any loan under this subsection may be reduced upon the request of the participating lender.

''(ii) PROHIBITION.—The Administration shall not use the guarantee percentage requested by a participating lender under clause (i) as a criterion for establishing priorities in approving loan guarantee requests under this subsection.

''(C) INTEREST RATE UNDER PREFERRED LENDERS PROGRAM.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The maximum interest rate for a loan guaranteed under the Preferred Lenders Program shall not exceed the maximum interest rate, as determined by the Administration, applicable to other loans guaranteed under this subsection.

''(ii) PREFERRED LENDERS PROGRAM DEFINED.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'Preferred Lenders Program' means any program established by the Administrator, as authorized under the proviso in section 5(b)(7), under which a written agreement between the lender and the Administration delegates to the lender—

''(I) complete authority to make and close loans with a guarantee from the Administration without obtaining the prior specific approval of the Administration; and

''(II) authority to service and liquidate such loans.''.

SEC. 3. GUARANTEE FEES.

(a) AMOUNT OF FEES.—Section 7(a)(18) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(18)) is amended to read as follows:

''(18) GUARANTEE FEES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each loan guaranteed under this subsection (other than a loan that is repayable in 1 year or less), the Administration shall collect a guarantee fee, which shall be payable by the participating lender and may be charged to the borrower, in an amount equal to the sum of—

''(i) 3 percent of the amount of the deferred participation share of the loan that is less than or equal to $250,000;

''(ii) if the deferred participation share of the loan exceeds $250,000, 3.5 percent of the difference between—

''(I) $500,000 or the total deferred participation share of the loan, whichever is less; and

''(II) $250,000; and

''(iii) if the deferred participation share of the loan exceeds $500,000, 3.875 percent of the difference between—

''(I) the total deferred participation share of the loan; and

''(II) $500,000.

''(B) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN LOANS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if the total deferred participation share of a loan guaranteed under this subsection is less than or equal to $80,000, the guarantee fee collected under subparagraph (A) shall be in an amount equal to 2 percent of the total deferred participation share of the loan.''.

(b) REPEAL OF PROVISIONS ALLOWING RETENTION OF FEES BY LENDERS.—Section 7(a)(19) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(19)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) by striking ''shall (i) develop'' and inserting ''shall develop''; and

(B) by striking '', and (ii)'' and all that follows through the end of the subparagraph and inserting a period; and

(2) by striking subparagraph (C).

SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL FEE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(23) ANNUAL FEE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each loan guaranteed under this subsection, the Administration shall, in accordance with such terms and procedures as the Administration shall establish by regulation, assess and collect an annual fee in an amount equal to 0.5 percent of the outstanding balance of the deferred participation share of the loan.

''(B) PAYER.—The annual fee assessed under subparagraph (A) shall be payable by the participating lender and shall not be charged to the borrower.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 5(g)(4)(A) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 634(g)(4)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''The Administration may collect a fee for any loan guarantee sold into the secondary market under subsection (f) in an amount equal to not more than 50 percent of the portion of the sale price that exceeds 110 percent of the outstanding principal amount of the portion of the loan guaranteed by the Administration.''; and

(2) by striking ''fees'' each place such term appears and inserting ''fee''.

SEC. 5. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.

Section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(24) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The Administration shall notify the Committees on Small Business of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 15 days before making any significant policy or administrative change affecting the operation of the loan program under this subsection.''.

SEC. 6. DEVELOPMENT COMPANY DEBENTURES.

Section 503(b) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 697(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (5), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and