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DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture be immediately discharged from its further consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 63, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 63) to express the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should dispose of all remaining commodities in the disaster reserve maintained under the Agriculture Act of 1970 to relieve the distress of livestock producers whose ability to maintain livestock is adversely affected by the prolonged drought conditions existing in certain areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the concurrent resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

AMENDMENT NO. 4042

(Purpose: To expand the type of disaster conditions addressed by the resolution)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I understand there is an amendment at the desk offered by Senator KASSEBAUM, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS], for Mrs. KASSEBAUM, proposes an amendment numbered 4042.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 2, line 3, insert "and other adverse weather" after "drought".

On page 2, line 9, strike "the prolonged drought" and insert "disaster conditions, such as prolonged drought or flooding".

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I commend the junior Senator from Kansas for calling attention to the devastating impact of adverse weather on our Nation's producers. I fully support Senate Concurrent Resolution 63, which urges the Secretary of Agriculture to make available commodities in the disaster reserve for livestock feed.

I also commend Senator KASSEBAUM for agreeing to broaden the resolution to include producers suffering from flooding and other weather related disasters. In my home State of South Dakota and throughout the eastern cornbelt, excessive rainfall this spring has prevented producers from planting their crop. This resolution acknowledges the importance of addressing the effect of both drought and flooding on producers.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 63 reinforces an initiative to utilize the disaster reserve already undertaken by the Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Glickman has informed me that he has formally asked the President of the United States to issue an emergency declaration to allow the use of the commodities within the reserve, and he expects a positive response shortly. In light of the actions the administration has already taken in this area, some have argued this resolution is superfluous, but it is fitting for Congress to send a clear signal that we support the efforts of Secretary Glickman and the President, and I have, therefore, joined as a cosponsor of the resolution.

Before passing this resolution, it is also worth noting that Presidential approval of the use of the disaster reserve is necessary only because the recently enacted farm bill suspended the Secretary's discretionary authority to access these stocks through the Emergency Livestock Feed Program. Recently, my distinguished colleague from New Mexico, Senator JEFF BINGAMAN, introduced legislation to reauthorize this valuable program. I hope the majority will also give prompt attention to this legislation to assist producers suffering from weather-related disasters. This bill, introduced with bipartisan support, would give immediate relief to farmers and ranchers victimized by the devastating drought in the Southwest and other areas.

Finally, Mr. President, I would like to commend Secretary Glickman and the President for their quick, decisive and thorough response to the drought plaguing the Southwest and Central Plains States. Secretary Glickman has already opened the Conservation Reserve Program for haying and grazing, provided additional funds for the Emergency Loan Program, and expanded crop insurance for forage crops. Utilization of the disaster reserve to provide emergency livestock feed is yet another example of the President's commitment to rural America.

Mr. BURNS. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the resolution be agreed to, as amended, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4042) was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 63), as amended, was agreed to, as follows:

S. Con. Res. 63

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF DISASTER RESERVE FOR ASSISTANCE TO LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS.

In light of the prolonged drought and other adverse weather conditions existing in certain areas of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture should promptly dispose of all commodities in the disaster reserve maintained under section 813 of the Ag-

ricultural Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 1427a) to relieve the distress of livestock producers whose ability to maintain livestock is adversely affected by disaster conditions, such as prolonged drought or flooding.

The title was amended so as to read:

A concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should dispose of all remaining commodities in the disaster reserve maintained under the Agricultural Act of 1970 to relieve the distress of livestock producers whose ability to maintain livestock is adversely affected by disaster conditions existing in certain areas of the United States, such as prolonged drought or flooding, and for other purposes.

AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY LAND TO THE CITY OF EUFAULA, OK

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 307, S. 1406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1406) to authorize the Secretary of the Army to convey to the city of Eufaula, OK, a parcel of land located at the Eufaula Lake project, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 4043

(Purpose: To make a technical correction)

Mr. BURNS. I understand there is a technical amendment at the desk offered by Senator NICKLES, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Montana [Mr. BURNS], for Mr. NICKLES, proposes an amendment numbered 4043.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 2, line 7, strike the words "approximately 4" and insert in lieu thereof "approximately 12.5".

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill be deemed read a third time, passed as amended, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4043) was agreed to.

The bill (S. 1406), as amended, was deemed to have been read three times and passed, as follows:

S. 1406

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT EUFAULA LAKE PROJECT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") may convey to the city of Eufaula, Oklahoma, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land consisting of approximately 12.5 acres located at the Eufaula Lake project.