

open foreign markets for American farm products. As long as the United States uses restrictive sugar import quotas to stifle trade, these counties have a ready excuse not to drop their own trade barriers.

The Sugar Program Reform Act, which I am pleased to introduce with Senate McCAIN, will finally bring major change to the sugar program. It will accomplish that goal by: reducing support prices and ending them after 2004; requiring that loans be repaid ending sugar processors' ability to turn over surplus sugar to the government instead of repaying the amounts they have borrowed; and assuring adequate supplies, requiring that import quotas be administered to maintain prices at no more than the price support level established by Congress.

When the Senate considers legislation to reauthorize farm programs, I look forward to a spirited debate on the necessity of reforming policies that have not served the best interests of taxpayers or the agricultural community at large.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1652

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sugar Program Reform Act".

SEC. 2. RECOURSE LOANS FOR PROCESSORS OF SUGARCANE AND SUGAR BEETS AND REDUCTION IN LOAN RATES.

(a) GRADUAL REDUCTION IN LOAN RATES.—

(1) SUGARCANE PROCESSOR LOANS.—Section 156(a) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7272(a)) is amended by striking "equal to 18 cents per pound for raw cane sugar." and inserting the following: ", per pound for raw cane sugar, equal to the following:

"(1) In the case of raw cane sugar processed from the 1996 through 2000 crops, \$0.18.

"(2) In the case of raw cane sugar processed from the 2001 crop, \$0.17.

"(3) In the case of raw cane sugar processed from the 2002 crop, \$0.16.

"(4) In the case of raw cane sugar processed from the 2003 crop, \$0.15.

"(5) In the case of raw cane sugar processed from the 2004 crop, \$0.14.".

(2) SUGAR BEET PROCESSOR LOANS.—Section 156(b) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7272(b)) is amended by striking "equal to 22.9 cents per pound for refined beet sugar." and inserting the following: ", per pound of refined beet sugar, that reflects—

"(1) an amount that bears the same relation to the loan rate in effect under subsection (a) for a crop as the weighted average of producer returns for sugar beets bears to the weighted average of producer returns for sugarcane, expressed on a cents per pound basis for refined beet sugar and raw cane sugar, for the most recent 5-year period for which data are available; and

"(2) an amount that covers sugar beet processor fixed marketing expenses.".

(b) CONVERSION TO RECOURSE LOANS.—Section 156(e) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7272(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting "only" after "this section"; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(2) NATIONAL LOAN RATES.—Recourse loans under this section shall be made available at all locations nationally at the rates specified in this section, without adjustment to provide regional differentials."

(c) CONVERSION TO PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING.—Section 156 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7272) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (j);

(2) by inserting after subsection (h) the following:

"(i) CONVERSION TO PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

"(1) no processor of any of the 2005 or subsequent crops of sugarcane or sugar beets shall be eligible for a loan under this section with respect to the crops; and

"(2) the Secretary may not make price support available, whether in the form of loans, payments, purchases, or other operations, for any of the 2005 and subsequent crops of sugar beets and sugarcane by using the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation or other funds available to the Secretary."; and

(3) in subsection (j) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) by striking "subsection (f)" and inserting "subsections (f) and (i)"; and

(B) by striking "2002" and inserting "2004".

(d) TERMINATION OF MARKETING QUOTAS AND ALLOTMENTS.—

(1) TERMINATION.—Part VII of subtitle B of title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1359aa et seq.) is repealed.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 344(f)(2) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1344(f)(2)) is amended by striking "sugar cane for sugar, sugar beets for sugar,".

(e) OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) PRICE SUPPORT FOR NONBASIC AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.—

(A) DESIGNATED NONBASIC AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.—Section 201(a) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1446(a)) is amended by striking "milk, sugar beets, and sugarcane" and inserting "and milk".

(B) OTHER NONBASIC AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.—Section 301 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1447) is amended by inserting "(other than sugarcane and sugar beets)" after "title II".

(2) POWERS OF COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION.—Section 5(a) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c(a)) is amended by inserting "(except for the 2005 and subsequent crops of sugarcane and sugar beets)" after "agricultural commodities".

(3) SECTION 32 ACTIVITIES.—Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), is amended in the second sentence of the first paragraph by inserting "(other than sugarcane and sugar beets)" after "commodity" the last place it appears.

(f) ASSURANCE OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF SUGAR.—Section 902 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1446g note; Public Law 99-198) is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with the quota year for sugar imports that begins after the 2000/2001 quota year, the President shall use all authorities available to the President as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure that adequate supplies of raw cane sugar are made available to the United States market at prices that are not greater than the higher of—

"(1) the world sugar price (adjusted to a delivered basis); or

"(2) the raw cane sugar loan rate in effect under section 156 of the Agricultural Market

Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7272), plus interest."

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2109. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. DEWINE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2944, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

SA 2110. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2944, supra.

SA 2111. Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2944, supra.

SA 2112. Mr. DORGAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2944, supra.

SA 2113. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. DEWINE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2944, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2109. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, and Mr. DEWINE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2944, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 6, line 25, insert the following after "inserting '1,100'":

Section 16(d) of the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Act of 1996 (sec. 4-515(d), D.C. Official Code), as amended by section 403 of the Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2001 (as enacted into law by section 1(a)(4) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001), is amended—

(1) by striking "in excess of \$250,000"; and

(2) by striking "and approved by" and all that follows and inserting a period.

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of section 403 of the Miscellaneous Appropriations Act, 2001.

On page 12, line 7, after "Agency," insert the following: "the Governor of the State of Maryland and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the county executives of contiguous counties of the region".

Page 12, line 7, after "and" and before "state" insert the following: "the respective".

Page 12, line 8, after "emergency" and before "plan" insert: "operations".

Page 13, line 14, strike "\$500,000" and insert: "\$250,000".

Page 13, line 15, strike "McKinley Technical High School" and insert the following: "Southeastern University".

Page 13, line 16, strike "Southeastern University" and insert the following: "McKinley Technical High School".

Page 13, line 14, insert after "students;": "\$250,000 for Lightspan, Inc. to implement the eduTest.com program in the District of Columbia Public Schools;".

Page 16, line 3, strike "U.S. Soccer Foundation, to be used" and insert: "Washington, D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission which in coordination with the U.S. Soccer Foundation, shall use the funds".

Page 17, line 18, insert after "families" the following: "and children without parents, due to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the District of Columbia,".

Page 18, line 8, after "Provided," and before "That" insert the following: "That funds