(D) Season-ending United States stock-to-use ratio.—For purposes of making estimates under subparagraph (C), the Secretary shall, on a monthly basis, estimate and report the season-ending United States upland cotton to-use ratio for project raw cotton imports but including the quantity of raw cotton that has been imported into the United States during the marketing year;“ and

(b) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) LIMITATION.—The quantity of cotton entered into the United States during any marketing year under the special import quota established under this subsection may not exceed the equivalent of 5 years’ consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally adjusted average rate of the 3 months immediately preceding the first special import quota established in any marketing year.”

(3) Removal of suspension of marketing certificate authority.—Section 171(b)(1) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 730d) is amended—

(A) by striking subparagraph (G); and

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (H) through (L) as subparagraphs (G) through (K), respectively.

(4) Redemption of marketing certificates.—Section 115 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1445k) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “rice (other than negotiable marketing certificates for upland cotton or rice)” and inserting “rice, including the issuance of negotiable marketing certificates for upland cotton or rice”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end of clause (ii). The Secretary shall, on a monthly basis, estimate and report the season-ending United States and dairy producers in a manner determined by the Secretary.

(g) Sense of Congress regarding fast-track authority and future World Trade Organization negotiations.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the President should make a formal request for appropriate fast-track authority for future United States trade negotiations;

(2) regarding future World Trade Organization negotiations—

(A) rules for trade in agricultural commodities should be strengthened and trade-distorting import and export practices should be eliminated or substantially reduced;

(B) the rules of the World Trade Organization should be strengthened regarding the practices or policies of a foreign government that unreasonably—

(i) restrict market access for products of new technologies, including products of biotechnology; or

(ii) delay or preclude implementation of a report of a dispute panel of the World Trade Organization; and

(C) agricultural negotiations of the World Trade Organization should conclude simultaneously with nonagricultural negotiations as a single undertaking;

(3) the President should—

(A) conduct a comprehensive evaluation of all existing export and food aid programs, including—

(i) the export credit guarantee program established under section 202 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 7253); and

(ii) the market access program established under section 203 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 7252); and

(B) transmit to Congress—

(i) the results of the evaluation under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) recommendations on maximizing the effectiveness of the programs described in subparagraph (A); and

(4) the Secretary should carry out a purchase and donation or concessional sales initiative in each of fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to promote the export of additional quantities of soybeans, beef, pork, poultry, and products of such commodities (including soybean oil, soy meal, textured vegetable protein, and soy protein concentrates and isolates) using programs established under—

(A) the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 8401 et seq.); and

(B) section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1431);”

LOTT AMENDMENT NO. 1501

Mr. LOTT proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1233, supra; as follows:

On page 21, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel of the Department of Agriculture to implement—

(1) sections 143 or 147(3) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7233, 7235(3));

(2) the final decision for the consolidation and reform of Federal milk marketing orders, as published in the Federal Register on April 2, 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 16625); or


NOTICE OF HEARINGS

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on August 9, 1999, in SH–216 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the farm crisis.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on August 4, 1999, in SH–216 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the farm crisis.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on August 5, 1999, in SH–216 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the farm crisis.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

POINT CABRILLO LIGHTHOUSE

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today, I recognize an important and historic
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Mr. President, this year's celebration is especially noteworthy because an honored dignitary, the President of Iceland, will be in attendance. This visit will mark the first time that an Icelandic head-of-state has visited North Dakota.

It is a pleasure to have President Grimsson visit North Dakota, and a privilege to honor Icelandic-Americans for all they have done for North Dakota and this great country.

ANGELO QUARANTA

- Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today, I extend special birthday wishes to a very special Californian, Angelo Quaranta, whose birthday is August 8.

Angelo is perhaps best known as the owner and driving force behind Allegro, an Italian restaurant on San Francisco's Russian Hill. Regardless of whether you are the Governor, the Mayor, a community organizer or just someone looking for a wonderful plate of pasta, Angelo's grace and easy manner always make you feel welcome.

Angelo was born in Taranto, Italy in 1934. Before leaving his homeland for San Francisco in 1960, he attended the police academy and became national Judo champion while serving with the Italian Police Force. Upon arriving in San Francisco, he first worked as a window washer and then began a distinguished career in the insurance industry.

Cooking may be Angelo's passion, but he can be found in many more places than the kitchen. He has long been active in local government and is a leader in community affairs. He is currently president of the Commission of Parking and Traffic, and served on San Francisco's Recreation and Park Commission. In the 1970's, he operated an Italian television station that broadcast programming from Italy. He founded Unione Sportiva Italia, and has been active in numerous efforts to celebrate the invaluable contributions of Italians and Italian-Americans to the life of the city and nation. Angelo has served as a member of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and founded Candelight Again, an organization comprised of restaurant owners and their patrons dedicated to raising funds for community needs. In recognition of his work, and in addition to many other honors, the Mayor's Office has twice proclaimed it "Angelo Quaranta Day in San Francisco."

Angelo has two adult daughters who live with their husbands and children in Italy. It is a pleasure to join them and the larger civic family Angelo continues to nurture in San Francisco in wishing him a joyous 65th birthday.