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ensure that medicare beneficiaries have access to the full range of services.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should—

(1) reject further reductions in the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act;

(2) reject extensions of the provisions of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

(3) provide new resources for the medicare program that

(A) address the unintended consequences of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

(B) ensure the access of medicare beneficiaries to high-quality skilled nursing services, home health care services, teaching hospitals, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, and health care services in rural areas.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

CRAPO (AND OTHERS)

AMENDMENT NO. 1505

(Ordered to lie on the table.) Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. CRAIG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (H.R. 2466) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 10, line 16, after “herein,” insert

“of which $300,000 of the amount made available for consultation shall be available for development of a voluntary-enrollment habitat conservation plan for cold water fish in cooperation with the States of Idaho and Montana (of which $200,000 shall be made available to each of the States of Idaho and Montana), and”.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

HARKIN (AND OTHERS)

AMENDMENT NO. 1506

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. SARBANES) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1499 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill, S. 1233, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 1, line 3, strike all that follows “Sec.” to the end of the amendment and insert the following:

... EMERGENCY AND INCOME LOSS ASSISTANCE.—(a) ADDITIONAL CROP LOSS ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), in addition to amounts that have been made available to carry out section 1913 of the Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note; Public Law 105–277) under other laws of the Commodity Credit Corporation (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’) shall use not more than $766,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide crop loss assistance in accordance with that section in a manner that, to the maximum extent practicable—

(A) fully compensates agricultural producers for crop losses in accordance with that section but not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000 to assist agricultural producers in purchasing additional coverage for the 2000 crop year under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.); and

(B) provides equitable treatment under that subsection for agricultural producers described in subsections (b) and (c) of that section.

(2) CROP INSURANCE.—Of the total amount made available by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use not less than $600,000,000 to assist agricultural producers in purchasing additional coverage for the 2000 crop year under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).

(3) COMPENSATION FOR DENIAL OF CROP LOSS ASSISTANCE BASED ON TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.—The Secretary shall use not more than $70,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide make payments to producers on a farm that were denied crop loss payment under section 152 of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Avenues Appropriations Act, 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note; Public Law 105–277) by virtue of a change in the taxpayer identification numbers of the producers if the Secretary determines that the change was not made to create an advantage for the producers in the crop insurance program through lower premiums or higher actual production histories.

(b) INCOME LOSS ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall use not more than $6,373,000,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide on an equitable basis among producers, as determined by the Secretary, supplemental loan deficiency payments to producers on a farm that are eligible for marketing assistance loans for the 1999 crop of a commodity under section 131 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7321).

(2) PAYMENT LIMITATION.—The total amount of the payments that a person may receive under this subsection during any crop year may not exceed $40,000.

(3) PRODUCERS WITHOUT PRODUCTION.—The payments made available under this subsection shall be on an equitable basis among producers, according to actual production history, as determined by the Secretary, to producers with failed acreage, or acreage on which planting was prevented, due to circumstances beyond the control of the producers.

(4) TIME FOR PAYMENT.—The assistance made available under this subsection for an eligible owner or producer shall be provided as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act by providing advance payments that are based on expected production and by taking such measures as are determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(5) DAIRY PRODUCERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount made available under paragraph (1), $400,000,000 shall be available to provide assistance to dairy producers in a manner determined by the Secretary.

(B) FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS.—Payments made under this subsection shall not affect any decision with respect to rules-making activity under section 141 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7233).

(6) PEANUTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use not to exceed $45,000,000 to provide payments to producers of quota peanuts or additional peanuts to partially compensate the producers for the loss of markets for the 1998 crop of peanuts.

(B) AMOUNT.—The amount of a payment made to producers on a farm of quota peanuts or additional peanuts produced or considered produced by the producers under section 155 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7321) shall be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying—

(i) the quantity of quota peanuts or additional peanuts produced or considered produced by the producers under section 155 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7321) by

(ii) an amount equal to 5 percent of the loan rate established for quota peanuts or additional peanuts, respectively, under section 155 of that Act.

(7) TOBACCO GROWER ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide $328,000,000 to be distributed to tobacco growers according to the formulas established pursuant to the National Tobacco Grower Settlement Trust.

(c) FUNDS FOR STRENGTHENING MARKETS, INCOME, AND SUPPLY (SECTION 32).—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For an additional amount for the fund maintained for funds made available under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), there is appropriated not more than $400,000,000.

(2) SET-ASIDE FOR CERTAIN LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS.—Of the funds made available by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall use not more than $200,000,000 to provide assistance to livestock producers.

(a) The operations of which are located in counties with respect to which during 1999 a natural disaster was declared for losses due to excessive heat or drought by the Secretary, or a major disaster or emergency was declared for losses due to excessive heat or drought by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); and

(b) That experienced livestock losses as a result of the declared disaster or emergency.

(3) WAIVER OF COMMODITY LIMITATION.—In providing assistance under this subsection, the Secretary may waive the limitation established under the second sentence of the second paragraph of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), on the amount of funds that may be distributed to any 1 agricultural commodity or product.

(d) EMERGENCY LIVESTOCK ASSISTANCE.—

For an additional amount to provide emergency livestock assistance, there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $200,000,000.

(e) COMMODITY PURCHASES AND HUMANITARIAN DONATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall use not less than $978,000,000 of additional funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the purchase and distribution of agricultural commodities, under applicable food aid authorities, including—

(A) section 141(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1431(b));

(B) the Food for Progress Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1736c); and

(C) the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.).

(2) LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.—

(A) section 141(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1431(b));

(B) the Food for Progress Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1736c); and

(C) the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.).

(3) DEDICATED TO PRODUCTION.—Not less than 40 percent of the commodities distributed pursuant to this subsection shall be made available to least developed countries, as determined by the Secretary.

(4) LOCAL CURRENCIES.—To the maximum extent practicable, local currencies generated from the sale of commodities under