

offset reductions in net farm income. The conferees direct the Secretary of Agriculture to take into account county production and prices of feed barley and malting barley in establishing county loan rates and loan repayment rates.

The conference agreement includes language (section 838) regarding date extension for marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments for rice.

The conference agreement includes a provision (section 839) that allows the Secretary to enter into agreements for the purpose of controlling the buildup of natural fuels that contribute to the threat of wildfires.

The conference agreement includes language (section 840) regarding publication of regulations for this title.

The conference agreement includes language (section 841) regarding tobacco.

The conference agreement includes language (section 842) regarding administrative offsets. The conferees note that the Secretary of Agriculture has in prior years used existing authorities to exempt farm payments from administrative offset, both within the Department of Agriculture and externally. In view of the significant economic hardships faced by farmers and ranchers this year, the third straight year of such hardships, the conferees urge the Secretary of Agriculture to exempt loan deficiency payments and marketing loan gains for year 2000 crops from internal and external administrative offset.

The conference agreement includes language (section 843) providing \$20,000,000 to make payments to producers of tomatoes, pears, peaches, and apricots that were unable to market their crops because of agriculture cooperative losses in the state of California.

The conference agreement includes language (section 844) regarding burley tobacco.

The conference agreement includes language (section 845) regarding marketing assistance loans and deficiency loan payment eligibility.

The conference agreement includes language (section 846) regarding food stamp program excess shelter expenses.

The conference agreement includes language (section 847) regarding food stamp program vehicle allowances.

OFFSETS/RESCISSIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

The conference agreement does not provide language that cancels funds in the Office of the Chief Information Officer account that were made available for Year 2000 conversion purposes.

TITLE IX—TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT ENHANCEMENT

The conference agreement includes the "Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000".

TITLE X—CONTINUED DUMPING AND SUBSIDY OFFSET

The conference agreement includes the "Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000".

TITLE XI—CONSERVATION OF FARMABLE WETLAND

The conference agreement includes language regarding a Conservation Reserve Program pilot in the prairie pothole region of the United States.

TITLE XII—HASS AVOCADO PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND INFORMATION

The conference agreement includes language regarding avocado research and promotion program.

TITLE XIII—DEBT REDUCTION

The conference agreement includes language that reduces the public debt of the United States.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2001 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2000 amount, the 2001 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2001 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000	\$84,312,546
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2001	76,785,597
House bill, fiscal year 2001	75,264,494
Senate bill, fiscal year 2001	75,356,809
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2001	78,139,809
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2000	-6,172,737
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2001	+1,354,212
House bill, fiscal year 2001	+2,875,315
Senate bill, fiscal year 2001	+2,783,000

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ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2000.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. WATERS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of business in the district.

Ms. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. MEEKS of New York (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of personal business.

Mr. PASCRELL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 1:30 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 12:30 p.m. on account of medical reasons.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of touring flood damage with the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 1:00 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. HEFLEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and October 3 on account of illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEJDENSON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SMITH of Michigan) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PORTER, for 5 minutes, October 10.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.