

Traffant	Waters	Whitfield
Turner	Watkins (OK)	Wicker
Udall (CO)	Watson (CA)	Wilson
Udall (NM)	Watt (NC)	Woolsey
Vitter	Watts (OK)	Wu
Walden	Weldon (FL)	Wynn
Walsh	Weller	Young (AK)

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Burton	Houghton	Mollohan
Callahan	Istook	Murtha
Dicks	LaFalce	Serrano
Gibbons	Millender-	Visclosky
Hansen	McDonald	Wexler

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Messrs. HUNTER, McDERMOTT, HAYES, FATTAH, and KUCINICH changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Ms. HART, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. HEFLEY, and Mr. MOORE changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 367, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 367, I was detained in a traffic accident. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The Committee will rise informally.

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT) assumed the chair.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 42. Joint Resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the American flag to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Committee will resume its sitting.

FARM SECURITY ACT OF 2001

The Committee resumed its sitting. Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last word.

Mr. Chairman, in consultation between the two sides, I would like to tell Members what we are attempting to do in resolution of the bill that is before the House at this time.

There is a unanimous consent that is being drafted, and at some point when it is completely drafted and cleared on both sides, we would propose the unanimous consent in the full House. Basically this is what we would like to do this evening, if we can.

The next series of votes will occur around 10 p.m., and those will be the final votes of the evening. It is our intent to continue to try to complete the bill tonight, and any votes that would be remaining would be voted on in the morning when the House reconvenes.

Under the agreement, there are a number of amendments that we think we will have realistic time agreements on, and we can deal with those amendments in fairly short order. The gentleman from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) has an amendment, and he has graciously agreed to cut back the time and put a 45-minute limit on it and vote that amendment tonight.

In addition, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) has an amendment to the Sanders amendment, and he has requested 10 minutes on the Obe amendment to the Sanders amendment. That would be included in the unanimous consent agreement. The anticipation is that the vote on the Sanders amendment would lead us to 10 p.m. We would have a series of votes at that time, including that amendment. And from that time, Members would be free from voting this evening; and we would continue with debate.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. COMBEST. I yield to the gentleman from Vermont.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Chairman, there is also a Vitter amendment, but we can include that in our time.

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Chairman, we have consulted on both sides. We will continue beyond 10:00 with the intention of completing the bill tonight and having the final votes in the morning.

Mr. Chairman, we will proceed with debate as we refine the unanimous consent agreement.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. WALSH

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 63 offered by Mr. WALSH:  
At the end of chapter 1 of subtitle C of title I (page 75, after line 17), insert the following new section:

SEC. 147. STUDY OF NATIONAL DAIRY POLICY.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than April 30, 2002, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to Congress a comprehensive economic evaluation of the potential direct and indirect effects of the various elements of the national dairy policy, including an examination of the effect of the national dairy policy on—

(1) farm price stability, farm profitability and viability, and local rural economies in the United States;

(2) child, senior, and low-income nutrition programs, including impacts on schools and institutions participating in the programs, on program recipients, and other factors; and

(3) the wholesale and retail cost of fluid milk, dairy farms, and milk utilization.

(b) NATIONAL DAIRY POLICY DEFINED.—In this section, the term "national dairy policy" means the dairy policy of the United States as evidenced by the following policies and programs:

- (1) Federal Milk Marketing Orders.
- (2) Interstate dairy compacts (including proposed compacts described in H.R. 1827 and S. 1157, as introduced in the 107th Congress).

(3) Over-order premiums and State pricing programs.

(4) Direct payments to milk producers.

(5) Federal milk price support program.

(6) Export programs regarding milk and dairy products, such as the Dairy Export Incentive Program.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I reserve a point of order on the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) reserves a point of order.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Chairman, my amendment is very simple. It requires the Secretary of Agriculture to study the direct and indirect impacts of the various elements of our Nation's dairy policy, including an examination of its effects on farm price stability, farm profitability and viability, and local rural economics.

Earlier the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD) offered an amendment that would have allowed States to join together in regional-based State cooperations to develop a promising solution to the continuing dairy crisis, all at no cost to the government.

Considering the level of interest and support for developing policy that protects both farmers and consumers, I believe it is useful to study the many existing and proposed dairy policies. The result of my amendment would be a comprehensive economic evaluation of programs such as the Federal milk market orders, Federal milk price supports, export programs and over-order premiums and pricing programs. The study would also require an examination of the dairy compacts, similar to those included in the amendment offered today by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHERWOOD).

I strongly believe that the action of 25 States, and a sound, proven record, is enough for this Congress to base and set policy on, but there are still Members who need more evidence. Therefore, I am confident that a study will help this body recognize the value of regionally based solutions to the continuing national dairy crisis.

Mr. Chairman, I urge support of the amendment.

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WALSH. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. COMBEST. Mr. Chairman, as we have seen in recent weeks, there certainly is an effort to develop a national policy, and it has been somewhat elusive. I understand the gentleman's concerns. We appreciate the gentleman offering this amendment, and I would be happy to accept the gentleman's amendment.

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Chairman, I withdraw my point of order.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin withdraws his point of order.

The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH).