

(b) EVALUATION.—Not later than December 31, 1997, the Director shall conduct, complete, and transmit to Congress a comprehensive economic evaluation of the direct and indirect effects of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact and other factors which affect the price of fluid milk.

(c) COMPONENTS.—In conducting the evaluation, the Director shall consider, among other factors, the effects of implementation of the rules and regulations of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact Commission, such as rules and regulations relating to over-order Class I pricing and pooling provisions. This evaluation shall consider such effects prior to implementation of the Compact and that would have occurred in the absence of the implementation of the Compact. The evaluation shall include an analysis of the impacts on—

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

(2) the wholesale and retail cost of fluid milk;

(3) the level of milk production, the number of cows, the number of dairy farms, and milk utilization in the Compact region, including—

(A) changes in the level of milk production, the number of cows, and the number of dairy farms in the Compact region relative to trends in the level of milk production and trends in the number of cows and dairy farms prior to implementation of the Compact;

(B) changes in the disposition of bulk and packaged milk for Class I, II, or III use produced in the Compact region to areas outside the region relative to the milk disposition to areas outside the region;

(C) changes in—

(i) the share of milk production for Class I use of the total milk production in the Compact region; and

(ii) the share of milk production for Class II and Class III use of the total milk production in the Compact region;

(4) dairy farmers and dairy product manufacturers in States and regions outside the Compact region with respect to the impact of changes in milk production, and the impact of any changes in disposition of milk originating in the Compact region, on national milk supply levels and farm level milk prices nationally; and

(5) the cost of carrying out the milk price support program established under section 141 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7251).

(d) ADDITIONAL STATES AND COMPACTS.—The Director shall evaluate and incorporate into the evaluation required under subsection (b) an evaluation of the economic impact of adding additional States to the Compact for the purpose of increasing prices paid to milk producers.

SEC. 733. From proceeds earned from the sale of grain in the disaster reserve established in the Agricultural Act of 1970, the Secretary may use up to an additional \$2,000,000 to implement a livestock indemnity program as established in Public Law 105-18.

SEC. 734. PLANTING OF WILD RICE ON CONTRACT ACREAGE.—None of the funds appropriated in this Act may be used to administer the provision of contract payments to a producer under the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7201 et seq.) for contract acreage on which wild rice is planted unless the contract payment is reduced by an acre for each contract acre planted to wild rice.

SEC. 735. RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS. (a) HOUSING IN UNDERSERVED AREAS PROGRAM.—The first sentence of section 509(f)(4)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C.

1479(f)(4)(A)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “fiscal year 1998”.

(b) HOUSING AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND FAMILIES AND OTHER LOW-INCOME PERSONS AND FAMILIES.—

(1) AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS.—Section 515(b)(4) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(b)(4)) is amended by striking “September 30, 1997” and inserting “September 30, 1998”.

(2) SET-ASIDE FOR NONPROFIT ENTITIES.—The first sentence of section 515(w)(1) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485(w)(1)) is amended by striking “fiscal year 1997” and inserting “fiscal year 1998”.

(3) LOAN TERM.—Section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “up to fifty” and inserting “up to 30”; and

(B) in subsection (b)—

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

“(2) such a loan may be made for a period of up to 30 years from the making of the loan, but the Secretary may provide for periodic payments based on an amortization schedule of 50 years with a final payment of the balance due at the end of the term of the loan;”;

(ii) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) the Secretary may make a new loan to the current borrower to finance the final payment of the original loan for an additional period not to exceed twenty years, if—

“(A) the Secretary determines—

“(i) it is more cost-efficient and serves the tenant base more effectively to maintain the current property than to build a new property in the same location; or

“(ii) the property has been maintained to such an extent that it warrants retention in the current portfolio because it can be expected to continue providing decent, safe, and affordable rental units for the balance of the loan; and

“(B) the Secretary determines—

“(i) current market studies show that a need for low-income rural rental housing still exists for that area; and

“(ii) any other criteria established by the Secretary has been met.”.

(c) LOAN GUARANTEES FOR MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING IN RURAL AREAS.—Section 538 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490p-2) is amended—

(1) in subsection (q), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) ANNUAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF LOAN GUARANTEE.—In each fiscal year, the Secretary may enter into commitments to guarantee loans under this section only to the extent that the costs of the guarantees entered into in such fiscal year do not exceed such amount as may be provided in appropriation Acts for such fiscal year.”;

(2) by striking subsection (t) and inserting the following:

“(t) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1998 for costs (as such term is defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) of loan guarantees made under this section such sums as may be necessary for such fiscal year.”; and

(3) in subsection (u), by striking “1996” and inserting “1998”.

This Act may be cited as the “Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998”.

And the Senate agree to the same.

JOE SKEEN,
JAMES T. WALSH,
JAY DICKEY,
JACK KINGSTON,

GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT,
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TOM HARKIN,
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Managers on the Part of the Senate.

When said conference report was considered.

After debate,

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the conference report to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put,

Will the House agree to said conference report?

The question being put,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHAW, announced that pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV the yeas and nays were ordered, and the call was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas 399
affirmative } Nays 18

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YEAS—399

Abercrombie	Buyer	Dicks
Ackerman	Callahan	Dingell
Aderholt	Calvert	Dixon
Allen	Camp	Dooley
Archer	Canady	Doolittle
Armey	Cannon	Doyle
Bachus	Capps	Dreier
Baesler	Cardin	Duncan
Baker	Carson	Dunn
Baldacci	Castle	Edwards
Ballenger	Chabot	Ehlers
Barcia	Chambliss	Ehrlich
Barr	Chenoweth	Emerson
Barrett (NE)	Christensen	Engel
Barrett (WI)	Clay	English
Bartlett	Clayton	Eshoo
Barton	Clement	Etheridge
Bass	Clyburn	Evans
Bateman	Coble	Everett
Bentsen	Collins	Ewing
Bereuter	Combest	Farr
Berman	Condit	Fattah
Berry	Cook	Fawell
Bilbray	Cooksey	Fazio
Bilirakis	Costello	Filner
Bishop	Cox	Flake
Blagojevich	Coyne	Foley
Bliley	Cramer	Forbes
Blumenauer	Crane	Ford
Blunt	Crapo	Fowler
Boehlert	Cummings	Fox
Boehner	Cunningham	Frank (MA)
Bonilla	Danner	Franks (NJ)
Bonior	Davis (FL)	Frelinghuysen
Bono	Davis (IL)	Frost
Borski	Davis (VA)	Furse
Boswell	Deal	Gallegly
Boyd	DeGette	Ganske
Brady	Delahunt	Gejdenson
Brown (CA)	DeLauro	Gekas
Brown (OH)	DeLay	Gibbons
Bryant	Dellums	Gilchrest
Bunning	Deutsch	Gillmor
Burr	Diaz-Balart	Gilman
Burton	Dickey	Goode