“(3) Upon the request of the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Treasury may invest, reinvest, or retain investments of money or securities comprising any part of the United States Merchant Marine Academy general gift fund in securities of the United States or in securities guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States. The interest and benefits accruing from those securities shall be deposited to the credit of the United States Merchant Marine Academy general gift fund, and may be disbursed as provided in this subsection.

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AN ACT

To provide for a national hog cholera eradication program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to safeguard the health of the swine herds of the Nation, to prevent the spread of hog cholera, to decrease substantially the estimated $50,000,000 annual loss from hog cholera, to expand export markets for pork and pork products now restricted on account of hog cholera, and to otherwise protect the public interest, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby directed (1) to initiate a national hog cholera eradication program in cooperation with the several States under the provisions of section 11 of the Act of May 29, 1884, as amended (21 U.S.C. 114a), and related legislation, and (2) to prohibit or restrict, pursuant to the authority vested in him under the provisions of section 2 of the Act of February 2, 1903, as amended (21 U.S.C. 111), the interstate movement of virulent hog cholera virus or other hog cholera virus to the extent he determines necessary in order to effectuate such eradication program.

Sec. 2. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to establish an advisory committee composed of (1) eleven members selected from representatives of the swine and related industries, State and local government agencies, professional and scientific groups, and the general public, and (2) one member selected from the officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture who shall serve as chairman of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Secretary.

(b) It shall be the function of the Committee to advise the Secretary with respect to the initiation of the national hog cholera eradication program referred to in the first section of this Act, and with respect to the development of plans and procedures for carrying out such program.

(c) Committee members other than the chairman shall not be deemed to be employees of the United States and shall not be entitled to compensation, but the Secretary is authorized to pay their travel and subsistence expenses (or per diem in lieu thereof) in connection with their attendance at meetings of the Committee.

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