Public Law 98-171
98th Congress

An Act

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to authorize marketing research and promotion projects, including paid advertising, for filberts, and to amend the Potato Research and Promotion Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8c(6)(I) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937 (7 U.S.C. 608c(6)(I)) is amended by inserting "filberts (otherwise known as hazelnuts)," after "almonds," each place such term appears.

Sec. 2. (a) Section 308 of the Potato Research and Promotion Act (7 U.S.C. 2617) is amended by—

(1) amending paragraph (b) to add at the end thereof the following: "The requirement for inclusion of public representatives on the board shall not be subject to producer approval in a referendum."

(2) amending paragraph (e) to read as follows:

"(e) Providing that the board shall recommend to the Secretary and the Secretary shall fix the assessment rate at not more than one cent per one hundred pounds of potatoes handled; except that if approved by producers pursuant to section 314, the rate of assessment shall not exceed one-half of 1 per centum of the immediate past ten-calendar-year United States average price received for potatoes by growers as reported by the Department of Agriculture."

and

(3) amending paragraph (f)(1) by adding immediately before the semicolon at the end thereof the following: "Provided, That the provision for payment to the Department of Agriculture for any referendum and administrative costs so incurred shall not be subject to producer approval in a referendum".

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Agricultural Adjustment Act and Potato Research and Promotion Act, amendments.
(b) The failure of potato producers in December 1982 to approve amendments to the plan issued under this title shall not be deemed to invalidate the plan.

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