

ing all subsidiaries and affiliates thereof, may serve on the same advisory committee at any one time, unless authorized by the Secretary.

(c) Maximum length

No person other than an officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture may serve for more than six consecutive years on an advisory committee, unless authorized by the Secretary. (Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1803, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.)

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 substituted provision relating to membership on advisory committees for provision relating to establishment of advisory committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

§ 2284. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-362, title I, § 101(c), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3281

Section, Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1804, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270, required annual reports to Congress.

§ 2285. Budget prohibitions

No advisory committee may expend funds in excess of its estimated annual operating costs by more than 10 per centum or \$500, whichever is greater, until it provides the Secretary with an explanation of the need for the additional expenditure and the Secretary approves such additional expenditure.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1805, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1042; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1271.)

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AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 substituted provision relating to budget prohibitions for provision relating to membership on advisory committees. See section 2283 of this title.

§ 2286. Termination of committees

The Secretary shall terminate any advisory committee upon a finding that any such advisory committee—

- (1) has expended funds in excess of its estimated annual operating costs by more than 10 per centum or \$500, whichever is greater, without the prior approval of the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of section 2285 of this title;
- (2) has failed to file all reports required under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act or this chapter;
- (3) has failed to meet for two consecutive years;
- (4) is responsible for functions that otherwise would be or should be performed by Federal employees; or

(5) does not serve or has ceased to serve an essential public function.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1806, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1042; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1271.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in par. (2), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 substituted provision relating to termination of advisory committees for provision relating to advisory committee charter requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

§§ 2287 to 2289. Omitted

Sections 2287 to 2289 of this title were omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.

Section 2287, Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1807, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1043, related to transmission of an annual report. See section 2284 of this title.

Section 2288, Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1808, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1044, related to budget prohibitions. See section 2285 of this title.

Section 2289, Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1809, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1044, related to termination of advisory committees. See section 2286 of this title.

CHAPTER 56—UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AFFECTING PRODUCERS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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§ 2301. Congressional findings and declaration of policy

Agricultural products are produced in the United States by many individual farmers and ranchers scattered throughout the various States of the Nation. Such products in fresh or processed form move in large part in the channels of interstate and foreign commerce, and such products which do not move in these channels directly burden or affect interstate commerce. The efficient production and marketing of agricultural products by farmers and ranchers is of vital concern to their welfare and to the