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education activities of other agencies of the Department of Agriculture.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture, not later than April 1, 1989, shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report evaluating the effectiveness of the program provided for under section 1586.

Report.

Ante, p. 1596.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 1588. (a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out sections 1584 through 1588 \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986; \$6,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987; and \$8,000,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1988, September 30, 1989, and September 30, 1990.

7 USC 3175e.

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(b) Any funds appropriated under this section for a fiscal year shall be allocated in the manner specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 1425(c)(2) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977.

7 USC 3175.

(c) Any funds appropriated to carry out sections 1584 through 1588 shall supplement any other funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture for use by the Department and the cooperative extension services of the States for food, nutrition, and consumer education for low-income households.

NUTRITION MONITORING

SEC. 1589. The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

7 USC 3178a.

(1) in conducting the Department of Agriculture's continuing survey of food intakes of individuals and any nationwide food consumption survey, include a sample that is representative of low-income individuals and, to the extent practicable, the collection of information on food purchases and other household expenditures by such individuals;

(2) to the extent practicable, continue to maintain the nutrient data base established by the Department of Agriculture; and

(3) encourage research by public and private entities relating to effective standards, methodologies, and technologies for accurate assessment of the nutritional and dietary status of individuals.

Research and development.

TITLE XVI—MARKETING

Research and development.

Subtitle A—Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985

AMENDMENT TO BEEF RESEARCH AND INFORMATION ACT

SEC. 1601. (a) This section may be cited as the "Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985".

Beef Promotion and Research Act of 1985.

(b) Sections 2 through 20 of the Beef Research and Information Act (7 U.S.C. 2901-2918) are amended to read as follows:

7 USC 2901 note.

"CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

"SEC. 2. (a) Congress finds that—

7 USC 2901.

"(1) beef and beef products are basic foods that are a valuable part of human diet;

“(2) the production of beef and beef products plays a significant role in the Nation’s economy, beef and beef products are produced by thousands of beef producers and processed by numerous processing entities, and beef and beef products are consumed by millions of people throughout the United States and foreign countries;

“(3) beef and beef products should be readily available and marketed efficiently to ensure that the people of the United States receive adequate nourishment;

“(4) the maintenance and expansion of existing markets for beef and beef products are vital to the welfare of beef producers and those concerned with marketing, using, and producing beef products, as well as to the general economy of the Nation;

“(5) there exist established State and national organizations conducting beef promotion, research, and consumer education programs that are invaluable to the efforts of promoting the consumption of beef and beef products; and

“(6) beef and beef products move in interstate and foreign commerce, and beef and beef products that do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce of beef and beef products.

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“(b) It, therefore, is declared to be the policy of Congress that it is in the public interest to authorize the establishment, through the exercise of the powers provided herein, of an orderly procedure for financing (through assessments on all cattle sold in the United States and on cattle, beef, and beef products imported into the United States) and carrying out a coordinated program of promotion and research designed to strengthen the beef industry’s position in the marketplace and to maintain and expand domestic and foreign markets and uses for beef and beef products. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the right of individual producers to raise cattle.

“DEFINITIONS

7 USC 2902.

“SEC. 3. For purposes of this Act—

“(1) the term ‘beef’ means flesh of cattle;

“(2) the term ‘beef products’ means edible products produced in whole or in part from beef, exclusive of milk and products made therefrom;

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“(3) the term ‘Board’ means the Cattlemen’s Beef Promotion and Research Board established under section 5(1);

“(4) the term ‘cattle’ means live domesticated bovine animals regardless of age;

“(5) the term ‘Committee’ means the Beef Promotion Operating Committee established under section 5(4);

“(6) the term ‘consumer information’ means nutritional data and other information that will assist consumers and other persons in making evaluations and decisions regarding the purchasing, preparing, and use of beef and beef products;

“(7) the term ‘Department’ means the Department of Agriculture.

“(8) the term ‘importer’ means any person who imports cattle, beef, or beef products from outside the United States;

“(9) the term ‘industry information’ means information and programs that will lead to the development of new markets, marketing strategies, increased efficiency, and activities to enhance the image of the cattle industry;

"(10) The term 'order' means a beef promotion and research order issued under section 4.

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"(11) the term 'person' means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or any other entity;

"(12) the term 'producer' means any person who owns or acquires ownership of cattle, except that a person shall not be considered to be a producer if the person's only share in the proceeds of a sale of cattle or beef is a sales commission, handling fee, or other service fee;

"(13) the term 'promotion' means any action, including paid advertising, to advance the image and desirability of beef and beef products with the express intent of improving the competitive position and stimulating sales of beef and beef products in the marketplace;

"(14) the term 'qualified State beef council' means a beef promotion entity that is authorized by State statute or is organized and operating within a State, that receives voluntary contributions and conducts beef promotion, research, and consumer information programs, and that is recognized by the Board as the beef promotion entity within such State;

"(15) the term 'research' means studies testing the effectiveness of market development and promotion efforts, studies relating to the nutritional value of beef and beef products, other related food science research, and new product development;

"(16) the term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Agriculture;

"(17) The term 'State' means each of the 50 States; and

"(18) the term 'United States' means the several States and the District of Columbia.

"ISSUANCE OF ORDERS

"SEC. 4. (a) During the period beginning on the effective date of this section and ending thirty days after receipt of a proposal for a beef promotion and research order, the Secretary shall publish such proposed order and give due notice and opportunity for public comment on such proposed order. Such proposal may be submitted by any organization meeting the requirements for certification under section 6 or any interested person, including the Secretary.

7 USC 2903.

"(b) After notice and opportunity for public comment are given, as provided for in subsection (a), the Secretary shall issue a beef promotion and research order. The order shall become effective not later than one hundred and twenty days following publication of the proposed order.

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Effective date.

"REQUIRED TERMS IN ORDERS

"SEC. 5. An order issued under section 4(b) shall contain the following terms and conditions:

7 USC 2904.

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"(1) The order shall provide for the establishment and selection of a Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board. Members of the Board shall be cattle producers and importers appointed by the Secretary from (A) nominations submitted by eligible State organizations certified under section 6 (or, if the Secretary determines that there is no eligible State organization in a State, the Secretary may provide for nominations from such State to be made in a different manner), and (B) nominations submitted by importers under such procedures as the

Secretary determines appropriate. In determining geographic representation for cattle producers on the Board, whole States shall be considered as a unit. Each State that has a total cattle inventory greater than five hundred thousand head shall be entitled to at least one representative on the Board. A State that has a total inventory of fewer than 500,000 cattle shall be grouped, as far as practicable, with other States each of which has a combined total inventory of not less than 500,000 cattle, into geographically contiguous units in a manner prescribed in the order. A unit may be represented on the Board by more than one member. For each additional million head of cattle within a unit, such unit shall be entitled to an additional member on the Board. The Board may recommend a change in the level of inventory per unit necessary for representation on the Board and, on such recommendation, the Secretary may change the level necessary for representation on the Board. The number of members on the Board that represent importers shall be determined by the Secretary on a proportional basis, by converting the volume of imported beef and beef products into live animal equivalencies.

“(2) The order shall define the powers and duties of the Board, which shall be exercised at an annual meeting, and shall include only the following powers:

“(A) To administer the order in accordance with its terms and provisions.

“(B) To make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of the order.

“(C) To elect members of the Board to serve on the Committee.

“(D) To approve or disapprove budgets submitted by the Committee.

“(E) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the order.

“(F) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to the order.

In addition, the order shall determine the circumstances under which special meetings of the Board may be held.

“(3) The order shall provide that the term of appointment to the Board shall be three years with no member serving more than two consecutive terms, except that initial appointments shall be proportionately for one-year, two-year, and three-year terms; and that Board members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of the Board.

“(4)(A) The order shall provide that the Board shall elect from its membership ten members to serve on the Beef Promotion Operating Committee, which shall be composed of ten members of the Board and ten producers elected by a federation that includes as members the qualified State beef councils. The producers elected by the federation shall be certified by the Secretary as producers that are directors of a qualified State beef council. The Secretary also shall certify that such directors are duly elected by the federation as representatives to the Committee.

“(B) The Committee shall develop plans or projects of promotion and advertising, research, consumer information, and industry information, which shall be paid for with assessments

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collected by the Board. In developing plans or projects, the Committee shall—

“(i) to the extent practicable, take into account similarities and differences between certain beef, beef products, and veal; and

“(ii) ensure that segments of the beef industry that enjoy a unique consumer identity receive equitable and fair treatment under this Act.

“(C) The Committee shall be responsible for developing and submitting to the Board, for its approval, budgets on a fiscal year basis of its anticipated expenses and disbursements, including probable costs of advertising and promotion, research, consumer information, and industry information projects. The Board shall approve or disapprove such budgets and, if approved, shall submit such budget to the Secretary for the Secretary's approval.

“(D) The total costs of collection of assessments and administrative staff incurred by the Board during any fiscal year shall not exceed 5 per centum of the projected total assessments to be collected by the Board for such fiscal year. The Board shall use, to the extent possible, the resources, staffs, and facilities of existing organizations.

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“(5) The order shall provide that terms of appointment to the Committee shall be one year, and that no person may serve on the Committee for more than six consecutive terms. Committee members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of the Committee. The Committee may utilize the resources, staffs, and facilities of the Board and industry organizations. An employee of an industry organization may not receive compensation for work performed for the Committee, but shall be reimbursed from assessments collected by the Board for reasonable expenses incurred in performing such work.

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“(6) The order shall provide that, to ensure coordination and efficient use of funds, the Committee shall enter into contracts or agreements for implementing and carrying out the activities authorized by this Act with established national nonprofit industry-governed organizations, including the federation referred to in paragraph (4), to implement programs of promotion, research, consumer information, and industry information. Any such contract or agreement shall provide that—

“(A) the person entering the contract or agreement shall develop and submit to the Committee a plan or project together with a budget or budgets that shows estimated costs to be incurred for the plan or project;

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“(B) the plan or project shall become effective on the approval of the Secretary; and

“(C) the person entering the contract or agreement shall keep accurate records of all of its transactions, account for funds received and expended, and make periodic reports to the Committee of activities conducted, and such other reports as the Secretary, the Board, or the Committee may require.

Contracts.

“(7) The order shall require the Board and the Committee to—

Records.

Reports.

“(A) maintain such books and records, which shall be available to the Secretary for inspection and audit, as the Secretary may prescribe;

“(B) prepare and submit to the Secretary, from time to time, such reports as the Secretary may prescribe; and

“(C) account for the receipt and disbursement of all funds entrusted to them.

“(8)(A) The order shall provide that each person making payment to a producer for cattle purchased from the producer shall, in the manner prescribed by the order, collect an assessment and remit the assessment to the Board. The Board shall use qualified State beef councils to collect such assessments.

“(B) If an appropriate qualified State beef council does not exist to collect an assessment in accordance with paragraph (1), such assessment shall be collected by the Board.

“(C) The order also shall provide that each importer of cattle, beef, or beef products shall pay an assessment, in the manner prescribed by the order, to the Board. The assessments shall be used for payment of the costs of plans and projects, as provided for in paragraph (4), and expenses in administering the order, including more administrative costs incurred by the Secretary after the order has been promulgated under this Act, and to establish a reasonable reserve. The rate of assessment prescribed by the order shall be one dollar per head of cattle, or the equivalent thereof in the case of imported beef and beef products. A producer who can establish that the producer is participating in a program of an established qualified State beef council shall receive credit, in determining the assessment due from such producer, for contributions to such program of up to 50 cents per head of cattle or the equivalent thereof. There shall be only one qualified State beef council in each State. Any person marketing from beef from cattle of the person's own production shall remit the assessment to the Board in the manner prescribed by the order.

“(9) The order shall provide that the Board, with the approval of the Secretary, may invest, pending disbursement, funds collected through assessments only in obligations of the United States or any agency thereof, in general obligations of any State or any political subdivision thereof, in any interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit of a bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System, or in obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.

“(10) The order shall prohibit any funds collected by the Board under the order from being used in any manner for the purpose of influencing governmental action or policy, with the exception of recommending amendments to the order.

“(11) The order shall require that each person making payment to a producer, any person marketing beef from cattle of the person's own production directly to consumers, and any importer of cattle, beef, or beef products maintain and make available for inspection such books and records as may be required by the order and file reports at the time, in the manner, and having the content prescribed by the order. Such information shall be made available to the Secretary as is appropriate to the administration or enforcement of this Act, the order, or any regulation issued under this Act. In addition, the Secretary shall authorize the use of information regarding

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persons paying producers that is accumulated under a law or regulation other than this Act or regulations under this Act.

"All information so obtained shall be kept confidential by all officers and employees of the Department, and only such information so obtained as the Secretary deems relevant may be disclosed by them and then only in a suit or administrative hearing brought at the request of the Secretary, or to which the Secretary or any officer of the United States is a party, and involving the order. Nothing in this paragraph may be deemed to prohibit—

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"(A) the issuance of general statements, based on the reports, of the number of persons subject to the order or statistical data collected therefrom, which statements do not identify the information furnished by any person; or

"(B) the publication, by direction of the Secretary, of the name of any person violating the order, together with a statement of the particular provisions of the order violated by the person.

"No information obtained under the authority of this Act may be made available to any agency or officer of the United States for any purpose other than the implementation of this Act and any investigatory or enforcement act necessary for the implementation of this Act. Any person violating the provisions of this paragraph shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000, or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and if an officer or employee of the Board or the Department, shall be removed from office.

"(12) The order shall contain terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as necessary to effectuate the provisions of the order.

"CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATIONS TO NOMINATE

"SEC. 6. (a) The eligibility of any State organization to represent producers and to participate in the making of nominations under section 5(1) shall be certified by the Secretary. The Secretary shall certify any State organization that the Secretary determines meets the eligibility criteria established under subsection (b) and such determination as to eligibility shall be final.

7 USC 2905.

Ante, p. 1599.

"(b) A State cattle association or State general farm organization may be certified as described in subsection (a) if such association or organization meets all of the following eligibility criteria:

"(1) The association or organization's total paid membership is comprised of at least a majority of cattle producers or the association or organization's total paid membership represents at least a majority of the cattle producers in the State.

"(2) The association or organization represents a substantial number of producers that produce a substantial number of cattle in the State.

"(3) The association or organization has a history of stability and permanency.

"(4) A primary or overriding purpose of the association or organization is to promote the economic welfare of cattle producers.

"(c) Certification of State cattle associations and State general farm organizations shall be based on a factual report submitted by the association or organization involved.

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“(d) If more than one State organization is certified in a State (or in a unit referred to in section 5(1)), such organizations may caucus to determine any of such State’s (or such unit’s) nominations under section 5(1).

“REQUIREMENT OF REFERENDUM

7 USC 2906.

“SEC. 7. (a) For the purpose of determining whether the initial order shall be continued, not later than 22 months after the issuance of the order (or any earlier date recommended by the Board), the Secretary shall conduct a referendum among persons who have been producers or importers during a representative period, as determined by the Secretary. The order shall be continued only if the Secretary determines that it has been approved by not less than a majority of the producers voting in the referendum who, during a representative period as determined by the Secretary, have been engaged in the production of cattle. If continuation of the order is not approved by a majority of those voting in the referendum, the Secretary shall terminate collection of assessments under the order within six months after the Secretary determines that continuation of the order is not favored by a majority voting in the referendum and shall terminate the order in an orderly manner as soon as practicable after such determination.

“(b) After the initial referendum, the Secretary may conduct a referendum on the request of a representative group comprising 10 per centum or more of the number of cattle producers to determine whether cattle producers favor the termination or suspension of the order. The Secretary shall suspend or terminate collection of assessments under the order within six months after the Secretary determines that suspension or termination of the order is favored by a majority of the producers voting in the referendum who, during a representative period as determined by the Secretary, have been engaged in the production of cattle and shall terminate or suspend the order in an orderly manner as soon as practicable after such determination.

“(c) The Department shall be reimbursed from assessments collected by the Board for any expenses incurred by the Department in connection with conducting any referendum under this section, except for the salaries of Government employees. Any referendum conducted under this section shall be conducted on a date established by the Secretary, whereby producers shall certify that they were engaged in the production of cattle during the representative period and, on the same day, shall be provided an opportunity to vote in the referendum. Each referendum shall be conducted at county extension offices, and there shall be provision for an absentee mail ballot on request.

“REFUNDS

7 USC 2907.

Supra.

“SEC. 8. (a) During the period prior to the approval of the continuation of an order pursuant to the referendum required under section 7(a), subject to subsection (f), the Board shall—

“(1) establish an escrow account to be used for assessment refunds;

“(2) place funds in such account in accordance with subsection (b); and

“(3) refund assessments to persons in accordance with this section.

"(b) Subject to subsection (f), the Board shall place in such account, from assessments collected under section 7 during the period referred to in subsection (a), an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying—

Ante, p. 1604.

"(1) the total amount of assessments collected under section 7 during such period; by

"(2) the greater of—

"(A) the average rate of assessment refunds provided to producers under State beef promotion, research, and consumer information programs financed through producer assessments, as determined by the Board; or

"(B) 15 percent.

"(c) Subject to subsections (d), (e), and (f) and notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, any person shall have the right to demand and receive from the Board a one-time refund of all assessments collected under section 7 from such person during the period referred to in subsection (a) if such person—

"(1) is responsible for paying such assessment; and

"(2) does not support the program established under this Act.

"(d) Such demand shall be made in accordance with regulations, on a form, and within a time period prescribed by the Board.

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"(e) Such refund shall be made on submission of proof satisfactory to the Board that the producer, person, or importer—

"(1) paid the assessment for which refund is sought; and

"(2) did not collect such assessment from another producer, person, or importer.

"(f)(1) If the amount in the escrow account required to be established by subsection (a) is not sufficient to refund the total amount of assessments demanded by all eligible persons under this section and the continuation of an order is approved pursuant to the referendum required under section 10(a), the Board shall—

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"(A) continue to place in such account, from assessments collected under section 5, the amount required under subsection (b), until such time as the Board is able to comply with subparagraph (B); and

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"(B) provide to all eligible persons the total amount of assessments demanded by all eligible producers.

"(2) If the amount in the escrow account required to be established by subsection (a) is not sufficient to refund the total amount of assessments demanded by all eligible persons under this section and the continuation of an order is not approved pursuant to the referendum required under section 7(a), the Board shall prorate the amount of such refunds among all eligible persons who demand such refund.

"ENFORCEMENT

"SEC. 9. (a) If the Secretary believes that the administration and enforcement of this Act or an order would be adequately served by such procedure, following an opportunity for an administrative hearing on the record, the Secretary may—

7 USC 2908.

"(1) issue an order to restrain or prevent a person from violating an order; and

"(2) assess a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for violation of such order.

"(b) The district courts of the United States are vested with jurisdiction specifically to enforce, and to prevent and restrain a

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person from violating, an order or regulation made or issued under this Act.

“(c) A civil action authorized to be brought under this section shall be referred to the Attorney General for appropriate action.

“INVESTIGATIONS; POWER TO SUBPOENA AND TAKE OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS; AID OF COURTS

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7 USC 2909.

“SEC. 10. The Secretary may make such investigations as the Secretary deems necessary for the effective administration of this Act or to determine whether any person subject to this Act has engaged or is about to engage in any act that constitutes or will constitute a violation of this Act, the order, or any rule or regulation issued under this Act. For the purpose of such investigation, the Secretary may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any records that are relevant to the inquiry. The attendance of witnesses and the production of records may be required from any place in the United States. In case of contumacy by, or refusal to obey a subpoena to, any person, the Secretary may invoke the aid of any court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which such investigation or proceeding is carried on, or where such person resides or carries on business, in requiring the attendance and testimony of the person and the production of records. The court may issue an order requiring such person to appear before the Secretary to produce records or to give testimony regarding the matter under investigation. Any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by such court as a contempt thereof. Process in any such case may be served in the judicial district in which such person is an inhabitant or wherever such person may be found.

“ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Prohibition.
7 USC 2910.

“SEC. 11. (a) Nothing in this Act may be construed to preempt or supersede any other program relating to beef promotion organized and operated under the laws of the United States or any State.

“(b) The provisions of this Act applicable to the order shall be applicable to amendments to the order.

“AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

7 USC 2911.

“SEC. 12. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act. Sums appropriated to carry out this Act shall not be available for payment of the expenses or expenditures of the Board or the Committee in administering any provisions of the order issued under section 4(b) of this Act.”.

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Effective date.
7 USC 2901 note.

(c) The amendments made by this section shall take effect on January 1, 1986.

Pork Promotion,
Research, and
Consumer
Information Act
of 1985.
7 USC 4801 note.

Subtitle B—Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 1611. This subtitle may be cited as the “Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1985”.

FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

SEC. 1612. (a) Congress finds that—

7 USC 4801.

(1) pork and pork products are basic foods that are a valuable and healthy part of the human diet;

(2) the production of pork and pork products plays a significant role in the economy of the United States because pork and pork products are—

(A) produced by thousands of producers, including many small- and medium-sized producers; and

(B) consumed by millions of people throughout the United States on a daily basis;

(3) pork and pork products must be available readily and marketed efficiently to ensure that the people of the United States receive adequate nourishment;

(4) the maintenance and expansion of existing markets, and development of new markets, for pork and pork products are vital to—

(A) the welfare of pork producers and persons concerned with producing and marketing pork and pork products; and

(B) the general economy of the United States;

(5) pork and pork products move in interstate and foreign commerce;

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(6) pork and pork products that do not move in such channels of commerce directly burden or affect interstate commerce in pork and pork products; and

(7) in recent years, increasing quantities of low-cost, imported pork and pork products have been brought into the United States and replaced domestic pork and pork products in normal channels of trade.

(b)(1) It is the purpose of this subtitle to authorize the establishment of an orderly procedure for financing, through adequate assessments, and carrying out an effective and coordinated program of promotion, research, and consumer information designed to—

(A) strengthen the position of the pork industry in the marketplace; and

(B) maintain, develop, and expand markets for pork and pork products.

(2) Such procedure shall be implemented, and such program shall be conducted, at no cost to the Federal Government.

(3) Nothing in this subtitle may be construed to—

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(A) permit or require the imposition of quality standards for pork or pork products;

(B) provide for control of the production of pork or pork products; or

(C) otherwise limit the right of an individual pork producer to produce pork and pork products.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 1613. For purposes of this subtitle:

7 USC 4802.

(1) The term "Board" means the National Pork Board established under section 1619.

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(2) The term "consumer information" means an activity intended to broaden the understanding of sound nutritional attributes of pork or pork products, including the role of pork or pork products in a balanced, healthy diet.

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(3) The term "Delegate Body" means the National Pork Producers Delegate Body established under section 1617.

(4) The term "imported" means entered, or withdrawn from a warehouse for consumption, in the customs territory of the United States.

Animals.

(5) The term "importer" means a person who imports porcine animals, pork, or pork products into the United States.

(6) The term "order" means a pork and pork products promotion, research, and consumer information order issued under section 1614.

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(7) The term "person" means an individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, organization, cooperative, or other entity.

(8) The term "porcine animal" means a swine raised for—

- (A) feeder pigs;
- (B) seedstock; or
- (C) slaughter.

(9) The term "pork" means the flesh of a porcine animal.

(10) The term "pork product" means a product produced or processed in whole or in part from pork.

(11) The term "producer" means a person who produces porcine animals in the United States for sale in commerce.

(12) The term "promotion" means an action, including paid advertising, taken to present a favorable image for porcine animals, pork, or pork products to the public with the intent of improving the competitive position and stimulating sales of porcine animals, pork, or pork products.

(13) The term "research" means—

(A) research designed to advance, expand, or improve the image, desirability, nutritional value, usage, marketability, production, or quality of porcine animals, pork, or pork products; or

(B) dissemination to a person of the results of such research.

(14) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(15) The term "State" means each of the 50 States.

(16) The term "State association" means—

(A) the single organization of pork producers in a State that is—

(i) organized under the laws of the State in which such association operates; and

(ii) recognized by the chief executive officer of such State as representing the pork producers of such State; or

(B) if such organization does not exist on the effective date of this subtitle, an organization that represents not fewer than 50 pork producers who market annually, in the aggregate, not less than 10 percent of the volume (measured in pounds) of porcine animals marketed in such State.

(17) The term "to market" means to sell or to otherwise dispose of a porcine animal, pork, or pork product in commerce.

PORK AND PORK PRODUCT ORDERS

SEC. 1614. (a) To carry out this subtitle, the Secretary shall, in accordance with this subtitle, issue and, from time to time, amend orders applicable to persons engaged in—

7 USC 4803.

- (1) the production and sale of porcine animals, pork, and pork products in the United States; and
- (2) the importation of porcine animals, pork, or pork products into the United States.

(b) The Secretary may issue such regulations as are necessary to carry out this subtitle.

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NOTICE AND HEARING

SEC. 1615. During the period beginning on the effective date of this subtitle and ending 30 days after receipt of a proposal for an initial order submitted by any person affected by this subtitle, the Secretary shall—

7 USC 4804.

- (1) publish such proposed order; and
- (2) give due notice of and opportunity for public comment on such proposed order.

FINDINGS AND ISSUANCE OF ORDERS

SEC. 1616. (a) After notice and opportunity for public comment have been provided in accordance with section 1615, the Secretary shall issue and publish an order if the Secretary finds, and sets forth in such order, that the issuance of such order and all terms and conditions thereof will assist in carrying out this subtitle.

7 USC 4805.
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(b) Not more than one order may be in effect at a time.

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(c) An order shall become effective on a date that is not more than 90 days following the publication of such order.

(d) An order shall contain such terms and conditions as are required in sections 1617 through 1620 and, except as provided in section 1621, no others.

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NATIONAL PORK PRODUCERS DELEGATE BODY

SEC. 1617. (a) The order shall provide for the establishment and appointment by the Secretary, not later than 60 days after the effective date of such order, of a National Pork Producers Delegate Body.

7 USC 4806.

(b)(1) The Delegate Body shall consist of—

(A) producers, as appointed by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2), from nominees submitted as follows:

(i) in the case of the initial Delegate Body appointed by each State in accordance with section 1618.

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(ii) in the case of each succeeding Delegate Body, each State association shall submit nominations selected by such association pursuant to a selection process that—

(I) is approved by the Secretary;

(II) requires public notice of the process to be given at least one week in advance by publication in a newspaper or newspaper of general circulation in such State and in pork production and agriculture trade publications; and

(III) that provides complete and equal access to the nominating process to every producer who has paid all

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assessments due under section 1620 and not demanded a refund under section 1624,

or pursuant to an election of nominees conducted in accordance with section 1618.

(iii) In the case of a State that has a State association that does not submit nominations or that does not have a State association, such State shall submit nominations in a manner prescribed by the Secretary; and

(B) importers, as appointed by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (3).

(2) The number of producer members appointed to the Delegate Body from each State shall equal at least two members, and additional members, allocated as follows:

(A) Shares shall be assigned to each State—

(i) for the 1986 calendar year, on the basis of one share for each \$400,000 of farm market value of porcine animals marketed from such State (as determined by the Secretary based on the annual average of farm market value in the most recent 3 calendar years preceding such year), rounded to the nearest \$400,000; and

(ii) for each calendar year thereafter, on the basis of one share for each \$1,000 of the aggregate amount of assessments collected (minus refunds under section 1624) in such State from persons described in section 1620(a)(1) (A) and (B), rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

(B) If during a calendar year the number of such shares of a State is—

(i) less than 301, the State shall receive a total of two producer members;

(ii) more than 300 but less than 601, the State shall receive a total of three producer members;

(iii) more than 600 but less than 1,001, the State shall receive a total of four producer members; and

(iv) more than 1,000, the State shall receive four producer members, plus one additional member for each 300 additional shares in excess of 1,000 shares, rounded to the nearest 300.

(3) The number of importer members appointed to the Delegate Body shall be determined as follows:

(A) Shares shall be assigned to importers—

(i) for the 1986 calendar year, on the basis of one share for each \$575,000 of market value of marketed porcine animals, pork, or pork products (as determined by the Secretary based on the annual average of imports in the most recent 3 calendar years preceding such year), rounded to the nearest \$575,000; and

(ii) for each calendar year thereafter, on the basis of one share for each \$1,000 of the aggregate amount of assessments collected (minus refunds under section 1624) from importers, rounded to the nearest \$1,000.

(B) The number of importer members appointed to the Delegate Body shall equal a total of—

(i) three members for the first 1,000 such shares; and

(ii) one additional member for each 300 additional shares in excess of 1,000 shares, rounded to the nearest 300.

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(c)(1) A producer member of the Delegate Body may, in a vote conducted by the Delegate Body for which the member is present, cast a number of votes equal to—

(A) the number of shares attributable to the State of the member; divided by

(B) the number of producer members from such State.

(2) An importer member of the Delegate Body may, in a vote conducted by the Delegate Body for which the member is present, cast a number of votes equal to—

(A) the number of shares allocated to importers; divided by

(B) the number of importer members.

(3) Members entitled to cast a majority of the votes (including fractions thereof) on the Delegate Body shall constitute a quorum.

(4) A majority of the votes (including fractions thereof) cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be decisive of a motion or election presented to the Delegate Body for a vote.

(d) A member of the Delegate Body shall serve for a term of 1 year, except that the term of a member of the Delegate Body shall continue until the successor of such member, if any, is appointed in accordance with subsection (b)(1).

(e)(1) At the first annual meeting, the Delegate Body shall select a Chairman by a majority vote.

(2) At each annual meeting thereafter, the President of the Board shall serve as the Chairman of the Delegate Body.

(f) A member of the Delegate Body shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by the Board from assessments collected under section 1620 for transportation expenses incurred in performing duties as a member of the Delegate Body.

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(g)(1) The Delegate Body shall—

(A) nominate—

(i) not less than 23 persons for appointment to the Board, for the first year for which nominations are made; and

(ii) not less than 1½ persons (rounded up to the nearest person) for each vacancy in the Board that requires nominations thereafter; and

(B) submit such nominations to the Secretary.

(2) The Delegate Body shall meet annually to make such nominations.

(3) A majority of the Delegate Body shall vote in person in order to nominate members to the Board.

(h) The Delegate Body shall—

(1) recommend the rate of assessment prescribed by the initial order and any increase in such rate pursuant to section 1620(5); and

(2) determine the percentage of the aggregate amount of assessments collected in a State that each State association shall receive under section 1620(c)(1).

SELECTION OF DELEGATE BODY

Sec. 1618. (a)(1) Not later than 30 days after the effective date of the order, the Secretary shall call for the nomination within each State of candidates for appointment as producer members of the initial Delegate Body. 7 USC 4807.

(2) Each State association may nominate producers who are residents of such State to serve as such candidates.

(3)(A) Additional producers who are residents of a State may be nominated as candidates of such State by written petition signed by 100 producers or 5 percent of the pork producers in such State, whichever is less. The Secretary shall establish and publicize the procedures governing the time and place for filing petitions.

(b)(1) After the Secretary has received the nominations required under subsection (a) and not later than 45 days after the effective date of the order, the Secretary shall call for an election within each State of persons for appointment as producer members of the initial Delegate Body.

(2) To be eligible to vote in an election held in a State, a person must be a producer who is a resident of such State.

(3)(A) Notice of each such election shall be given by the Secretary—

(i) by publication in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in each State, and in pork production and agriculture trade publications, at least 1 week prior to the election; and

(ii) in any other reasonable manner determined by the Secretary.

(B) The notice shall set forth the period of time and places for voting and such other information as the Secretary considers necessary.

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(4) Each State shall nominate to the Delegate Body the number of producer members required under section 1617(b)(2)(B).

(5) The producers who receive the highest number of votes in each State shall be nominated for appointment as members of the Delegate Body from such State.

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3), after the election of the producer members of the initial Delegate Body, the Board shall administer all subsequent nominations and elections of the producer members to be nominated for appointment as members of the Delegate Body, with the assistance of the Secretary and in accordance with subsections (a)(3) and (b).

(2) The Board shall determine the timing of an election referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) To be eligible to vote in such an election in a State, a person must—

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(A) be a producer who is a resident of such State;

(B) have paid all assessments due under section 1620; and

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(C) not demanded a refund of an assessment under section 1624.

(d)(1) Prior to the expiration of the term of any producer member of the Delegate Body, the Board shall appoint a nominating committee of producers who are residents of the State represented by such member.

(2) Such committee shall nominate producers of such State as candidates to fill the position for which an election is to be held.

(3) Additional producers who are residents of a State may be nominated to fill such positions in accordance with subsection (a)(3).

NATIONAL PORK BOARD

7 USC 4808.

SEC. 1619. (a)(1) The order shall provide for the establishment and appointment by the Secretary of a 15-member National Pork Board.

(2) The Board shall consist of producers representing at least 12 States and importers appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted under section 1617(g).

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(2) The Board shall consist of producers or importers appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted under section 1617(g).

(3) A member of the Board shall serve for a 3-year term, with no such member serving more than two consecutive 3-year terms, except that initial appointments to the Board shall be staggered with an equal number of members appointed, to the maximum extent possible, to 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year terms, except that the term of a member of the Board shall continue until the successor of such member, if any, is appointed in accordance with paragraph (2).

(4) The Board shall select its President by a majority vote.

(5)(A) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board.

(B) A majority of votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall determine a motion or election.

(6) A member of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed by the Board from assessments collected under section 1620 for reasonable expenses incurred in performing duties as a member of the Board.

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(b)(1) The Board shall—

(A) develop, at the initiative of the Board or other person, proposals for promotion, research, and consumer information plans and projects;

(B) submit such plans and projects to the Secretary for approval;

(C) administer the order, in accordance with the order and this subtitle;

(D) prescribe such rules as are necessary to carry out such order;

(E) receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of such order;

(F) make recommendations to the Secretary with respect to amendments to such order; and

(G) employ a staff and conduct routine business.

(2) The Board shall prepare and submit to the Secretary, for the approval of the Secretary, a budget for each fiscal year of anticipated expenses and disbursements of the Board in the administration of the order, including the projected cost of—

(A) any promotion, research or consumer information plan or project to be conducted by the Board directly or by way of contract or agreement; and

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(B) the budgets, plans, or projects for which State associations are to receive funds pursuant to section 1620(c)(1).

(3) No plan, project, or budget referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) may become effective unless approved by the Secretary.

Prohibition.

(4)(A) The Board, with the approval of the Secretary, may enter into contracts or agreements with a person for—

Contracts.

(i) the development and conduct of activities authorized under an order; and

(ii) the payment of the cost thereof with funds collected through assessments under such order.

(B) Such contract or agreement shall require that—

(i) the contracting party develop and submit to the Board a plan or project, together with a budget or budgets that include the estimated cost to be incurred under such plan or project;

- (ii) such plan or project become effective on the approval of the Secretary; and
- (iii) the contracting party—
 - (I) keep accurate records of all relevant transactions of the party;
 - (II) make periodic reports to the Board of—
 - (aa) relevant activities the party has conducted; and
 - (bb) an accounting for funds received and expended under such contract; and
 - (III) make such other reports as the Secretary or Board may require.

ASSESSMENTS

7 USC 4809.
Ante, p. 1609.

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Ante, p. 1607.

Ante, p. 1612.

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SEC. 1620. (a)(1) The order shall provide that, not later than 30 days after the effective date of the order under section 1616(c) an assessment shall be paid, in the manner prescribed in the order. Upon the appointment of the Board, the assessments held in escrow shall be distributed to the Board. Except as provided in paragraph (3), assessments shall be payable by—

(A) each producer for each porcine animal described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of section 1613(8) produced in the United States that is sold or slaughtered for sale;

(B) each producer for each porcine animal described in subsection 1613(8)(B) that is sold; and

(C) each importer for each porcine animal, pork, or pork product that is imported into the United States.

(2) Such assessment shall be collected and remitted to the Board once it is appointed pursuant to section 1619, but, until that time, to the Secretary, who shall promptly proceed to distribute the funds received by him in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c), except that the Secretary shall retain the funds to be received by the Board until such time as the Board is appointed pursuant to section 1619, by—

(A) in the case of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1), the purchaser of the porcine animal referred to in such subparagraph;

(B) in the case of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1), the producer of the porcine animal referred to in such subparagraph; and

(C) in the case of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1), the importer referred to in such subparagraph.

(3) A person is not required to pay an assessment for a porcine animal, pork, or pork product under paragraph (1) if such person proves to the Board that an assessment was paid previously under such paragraph by a person for such porcine animal (of the same category described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of section 1613(8)), pork, or pork product.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the rate of assessment prescribed by the initial order shall be the lesser of—

(A) 0.25 percent of the market value of the porcine animal, pork, or pork product sold or imported; or

(B) an amount established by the Secretary based on a recommendation of the Delegate Body.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), the rate of assessment in the initial order may be increased by not more than 0.1 percent per year on recommendation of the Delegate Body.

(3) The rate of assessment may not exceed 0.50 percent of such market value unless—

(A) after the initial referendum required under section 1622(a), the Delegate Body recommends an increase in such rate above 0.50 percent; and

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(B) such increase is approved in a referendum conducted under section 1622(b).

(4)(A) Pork or pork products imported into the United States shall be assessed based on the equivalent value of the live porcine animal from which such pork or pork products were produced, as determined by the Secretary.

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(B) The Secretary may waive the collection of assessments on a type of such imported pork or pork products if the Secretary determines that such collection is not practicable.

(c) Funds collected by the Board from assessments collected under this section shall be distributed and used in the following manner:

(1)(A) Each State association, shall receive an amount of funds equal to the product obtained by multiplying—

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(i) the aggregate amount of assessments attributable to porcine animals produced in such State by persons described in subsection (a)(1) (A) and (B) minus that State's share of refunds determined pursuant to paragraph (4) by such persons pursuant to section 1624; and

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(ii) a percentage applicable to such State association determined by the Delegate Body, but in no event less than sixteen and one-half percent, or

(B) in the case of a State association that was conducting a pork promotion program in the period from July 1, 1984, to June 30, 1985, if greater than (A) an amount of funds equal to the amount of funds that would have been collected in such State pursuant to the pork promotion program in existence in such State from July 1, 1984, to June 30, 1985, had the porcine animals, subject to assessment and to which no refund was received in such State in each year following the enactment of this Act, been produced from July 1, 1984, to June 30, 1985, and been subject to the rates of assessments then in effect and the rate of return then in effect from each State to the Council described in paragraph (2)(A), and other national entities involved in pork promotion, research and consumer information.

(C) A State association shall use such funds and any proceeds from the investment of such funds for financing—

(i) promotion, research, and consumer information plans and projects, and

(ii) administrative expenses incurred in connection with such plans and projects.

(2)(A) The National Pork Producers Council, a nonprofit corporation of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and incorporated in the State of Iowa, shall receive an amount of funds equal to—

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26 USC 501.

(i) 37½ percent of the aggregate amount of assessments collected under this section throughout the United States from the date assessment commences pursuant to subsection (a)(1) until the first day of the month following the month in which the Board is appointed pursuant to section 1619.

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(ii) 35 percent thereafter until the referendum is conducted pursuant to section 1622,

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1614.

(iii) 25 percent until twelve months after the referendum is conducted, and

(iv) no funds thereafter except in so far as it obtains such funds from the Board pursuant to sections 1619 or 1620, each of which amounts determined under (i), (ii), and (iii) shall be less the Council's share of refunds determined pursuant to paragraph (4).

(B) The Council shall use such funds and proceeds from the investment of such funds for financing—

(i) promotion, research, and consumer information plans and projects, and

(ii) administrative expenses of the Council.

(3)(A) The Board shall receive the amount of funds that remain after the distribution required under paragraphs (1) and (2).

(B) The Board shall use such funds and any proceeds from the investment of such funds pursuant to subsection (g) for—

(i) financing promotion, research, and consumer information plans and projects in accordance with this title;

(ii) such expenses for the administration, maintenance, and functioning of the Board as may be authorized by the Secretary;

(iii) accumulation of a reasonable reserve to permit an effective promotion, research, and consumer information program to continue in years when the amount of assessments may be reduced; and

(iv) administrative costs incurred by the Secretary to carry out this title, including any expenses incurred for the conduct of a referendum under this title.

(4)(A) Each State's share of refunds shall be determined by multiplying the aggregate amount of refunds received by producers in such State by the percentage applicable to such State pursuant to paragraph (1)(A)(ii).

(B) The National Pork Producers Council's share of refunds shall be determined by multiplying its applicable percent of the aggregate amount of assessments by the product of—

(i) subtracting from the aggregate amount of refunds received by all producers the aggregate amount of State share or refunds in every State determined pursuant to subparagraph (A), and

(ii) adding to that sum the aggregate amount of refunds received by importers.

Prohibition. (d) No promotion funded with assessments collected under this subtitle may make—

(1) a false or misleading claim on behalf of pork or a pork product; or

(2) a false or misleading statement with respect to an attribute or use of a competing product.

Prohibition. (e) No funds collected through assessments authorized by this section may, in any manner, be used for the purpose of influencing legislation, as defined in section 4911 (d) and (e)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

26 USC 4911.

(f) The Board shall—

Reports.

(1) maintain such books and records, and prepare and submit to the Secretary such reports from time to time, as may be required by the Secretary for appropriate accounting of the

receipt and disbursement of funds entrusted to the Board or a State association, as the case may be; and

(2) cause a complete audit report to be submitted to the Secretary at the end of each fiscal year. Report.

(g) The Board, with the approval of the Secretary, may invest funds collected through assessments authorized under this section, pending disbursement for a plan or project, only in—

(1) an obligation of the United States, or of a State or political subdivision thereof;

(2) an interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit of a bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System; or

(3) an obligation fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.

PERMISSIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1621. (a) On the recommendation of the Board, and with the approval of the Secretary, an order may contain one or more of the following provisions: 7 USC 4810.

(1) Each person purchasing a porcine animal from a producer for commercial use, and each importer, shall— Animals.

(A) maintain and make available for inspection such books and records as may be required by the order; and Records.

(B) file reports at the time, in the manner, and having the content prescribed by the order, including documentation of the State of origin of a purchased porcine animal or the place of origin of an imported porcine animal, pork, or pork product. Reports.
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(2) A term or condition—

(A) incidental to, and not inconsistent with, the terms and conditions specified in this subtitle; and

(B) necessary to effectuate the other provisions of such order.

(b)(1) Information referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall be made available to the Secretary and the Board as is appropriate or necessary for the effectuation, administration, or enforcement of this subtitle or an order.

(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), information obtained under subsection (a)(1) shall be kept confidential by officers or employees of the Department of Agriculture or the Board.

(B) Such information may be disclosed only—

(i) in a suit or administrative hearing involving the order with respect to which the information was furnished or acquired—

(I) brought at the direction or on the request of the Secretary; or

(II) to which the Secretary or an officer of the United States is a party; and

(ii) if the Secretary considers such information to be relevant to such suit or hearing.

(C) Nothing in this section prohibits—

(i) the issuance of a general statement based on the reports of a number of persons subject to an order, or statistical data collected therefrom, if such statement or data does not identify the information furnished by any person; or

(ii) the publication, by direction of the Secretary, of the name of a person violating an order, together with a statement of the particular provisions of the order violated by such person.

(c) A person who willfully violates subsection (a)(1) or (b) shall, on conviction, be—

(1) subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both; and

(2) if such person is an employee of the Department of Agriculture or the Board, removed from office.

REFERENDUM

7 USC 4811.

SEC. 1622. (a) For the purpose of determining whether an order then effect shall be continued during the period beginning not earlier than 24 months after the issuance of the order and ending not later than 30 months after the issuance of the order, the Secretary shall conduct a referendum among persons who have been pork producers and importers during a representative period, as determined by the Secretary.

(b)(1) Such order shall be continued only if the Secretary determines that such order has been approved by not less than a majority of the producers and importers voting in the referendum.

(2) If the continuation of such order is not approved by a majority of the producers and importers voting in the referendum, the Secretary shall terminate—

(A) collection of assessments under the order not later than 6 months after the date of such determination; and

(B) the order in an orderly manner as soon as practicable after the date of such determination.

(c) The Secretary shall be reimbursed from assessments collected by the Board for any expenses incurred in connection with a referendum conducted under this section or section 1623.

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(d) A referendum shall be conducted in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary.

(e) A referendum to amend the initial order shall be conducted pursuant to this section.

SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF ORDERS

7 USC 4812.

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SEC. 1623. (a) If after the initial referendum provided for in section 1622(a) the Secretary determines that an order, or a provision of the order, obstructs or does not tend to effectuate the declared policy of this subtitle, the Secretary shall terminate or suspend the operation of such order or provision.

(b)(1)(A) Except as provided in paragraph (2), after the initial referendum provided for in section 1622(a), on the request of a number of persons equal to at least 15 percent of persons who have been producers and importers during a representative period, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary shall conduct a referendum to determine whether the producers and importers favor the termination or suspension of the order.

(B) The Secretary shall—

(i) suspend or terminate collection of assessments under the order not later than 6 months after the date the Secretary determines that suspension or termination of the order is favored by a majority of the producers and importers voting in the referendum; and

(ii) terminate the order in an orderly manner as soon as practicable after the date of such determination.

(2) Except with respect to a referendum required to be conducted under section 1622, the Secretary shall not be required by paragraph (1) to conduct more than one referendum under this subtitle in a 2-year period.

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(c) The termination or suspension of an order, or a provision of an order, shall not be considered an order within the meaning of this subtitle.

Prohibition.

REFUNDS

SEC. 1624. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, prior to the approval of the continuation of an order pursuant to the referendum required under section 1622(a), any person shall have the right to demand and receive from the Board a refund of an assessment collected under section 1620 if such person—

7 USC 4813.

(1) is responsible for paying such assessment; and

(2) does not support the program established under this subtitle.

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(b) Such demand shall be made in accordance with regulations, on a form, and within a time period prescribed by the Board and approved by the Secretary, but not later than 30 days after the end of the month in which the assessment was paid.

(c) Such refund shall be made not later than 30 days after demand is received therefore on submission of proof satisfactory to the Board that the producer, person, or importer—

(1) paid the assessment for which refund is sought; and

(2) did not collect such assessment from another producer, person, or importer.

PETITION AND REVIEW

SEC. 1625. (a)(1) A person subject to an order may file with the Secretary a petition—

7 USC 4814.

(A) stating that such order, a provision of such order, or an obligation imposed in connection with such order is not in accordance with law; and

(B) requesting a modification of such order or an exemption from such order.

(2) Such person shall be given an opportunity for a hearing on the petition, in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary.

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(3) After such hearing, the Secretary shall make a determination granting or denying such petition.

(b)(1) A district court of the United States in the district in which such person resides or does business shall have jurisdiction to review such determination if a complaint for such purpose is filed not later than 20 days after the date such person receives notice of such determination.

(2) Service of process in such proceeding may be made on the Secretary by delivering a copy of the complaint to the Secretary.

(3) If a court determines that such determination is not in accordance with law, the court shall remand such proceedings to the Secretary with directions to—

(A) make such ruling as the court shall determine to be in accordance with law; or

(B) take such further proceedings as, in the opinion of the court, the law requires.

ENFORCEMENT

Regulations.
7 USC 4815.

SEC. 1626. (a)(1) A district court of the United States shall have jurisdiction specifically to enforce, and to prevent and restrain a person from violating an order, rule, or regulation issued under this subtitle.

(2) A civil action authorized to be brought under this subsection shall be referred to the Attorney General for appropriate action, except that the Secretary is not required to refer to the Attorney General a violation of this subtitle if the Secretary believes that the administration and enforcement of this subtitle would be adequately served by providing a suitable written notice or warning to a person who committed such violation or by administrative action under subsection (b).

Regulations.

(b)(1)(A) A person who willfully violates an order, rule, or regulation issued by the Secretary under this subtitle may be assessed—

(i) a civil penalty by the Secretary of not more than \$1,000 for each such violation; and

(ii) in the case of a willful failure to pay, collect, or remit an assessment as required by an order, an additional penalty equal to the amount of such assessment.

(B) Each such violation shall be a separate offense.

Regulations.

(C) In addition to or in lieu of such civil penalty, the Secretary may issue an order requiring such person to cease and desist from violating such order, rule, or regulation.

Prohibition.

(D) No penalty may be assessed or cease-and-desist order issued unless the Secretary gives such person notice and opportunity for a hearing on the record with respect to such violation.

(E) An order issued under this paragraph by the Secretary shall be final and conclusive unless such person files an appeal from such order with the appropriate United States court of appeals not later than 30 days after such person receives notice of such order.

(2)(A) A person against whom an order is issued under paragraph (1) may obtain review of such order in the court of appeals of the United States for the circuit in which such person resides or does business, or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, by—

(i) filing a notice of appeal in such court not later than 30 days after the date of such order; and

(ii) simultaneously sending a copy of such notice by certified mail to the Secretary.

(B) The Secretary shall file promptly in such court a certified copy of the record on which such violation was found.

(C) A finding of the Secretary shall be set aside only if the finding is found to be unsupported by substantial evidence.

(3)(A) A person who fails to obey a valid cease-and-desist order issued under paragraph (1) by the Secretary, after an opportunity for a hearing, shall be subject to a civil penalty assessed by the Secretary of not more than \$500 for each offense.

(B) Each day during which such failure continues shall be considered a separate violation of such order.

(4)(A) If a person fails to pay a valid civil penalty imposed under this subsection by the Secretary, the Secretary shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for recovery of the amount assessed in an appropriate district court of the United States.

(B) In such action, the validity and appropriateness of the order imposing such civil penalty shall not be subject to review.

(c) The remedies provided in subsections (a) and (b) shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, other remedies that may be available.

INVESTIGATIONS

SEC. 1627. (a) The Secretary may make such investigations as the Secretary considers necessary— 7 USC 4816.

(1) for the effective administration of this subtitle; or

(2) to determine whether a person subject to this subtitle has engaged, or is about to engage, in an act that constitutes, or will constitute, a violation of this subtitle or an order, rule, or regulation issued under this subtitle. Regulations.

(b)(1) For the purpose of such investigation, the Secretary may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any records that are relevant to the inquiry.

(2) Such attendance of witnesses and the production of such records may be required from any place in the United States.

(c)(1) In the case of contumacy, or refusal to obey a subpoena, by a person, the Secretary may invoke the aid of a court of the United States with jurisdiction over such investigation or proceeding, or where such person resides or does business, in requiring the attendance and testimony of such person and the production of such records.

(2) The court may issue an order requiring such person to appear before the Secretary to produce records or to give testimony touching the matter under investigation.

(3) A failure to obey an order issued under this section by the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

(4) Process in such case may be served in the judicial district in which such person is an inhabitant or wherever such person may be found.

PREEMPTION

SEC. 1628. (a) This subtitle is intended to occupy the field of— 7 USC 4817.

(1) promotion and consumer education involving pork and pork products; and

(2) obtaining funds therefor from pork producers.

(b) The regulation of such activity (other than a regulation or requirement relating to a matter of public health or the provision of State or local funds for such activity) that is in addition to or different from this subtitle may not be imposed by a State. Regulations. Prohibition.

(c) This section shall apply only during a period beginning on the date of the commencement of the collection of assessments under section 1620 and ending on the date of the termination of the collection of assessments under section 1622(a)(3) or 1622(b)(1)(B). Ante, p. 1614. Ante, p. 1618.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 1629. The provisions of this subtitle applicable to orders shall be applicable to amendments to orders. 7 USC 4818.

AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 1630. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the Secretary to carry out this subtitle, 7 USC 4819.

Ante, p. 1620. subject to reimbursement from the Board under section 1620(c)(3)(B)(iv).

(b) Sums appropriated to carry out this subtitle shall not be available for payment of an expense or expenditure incurred by the Board in administering an order.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective date.
7 USC 4801 note.

SEC. 1631. This subtitle shall become effective on January 1, 1986.

Watermelon
Research and
Promotion Act.
7 USC 4901 note.

Subtitle C—Watermelon Research and Promotion Act

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 1641. This subtitle may be cited as the “Watermelon Research and Promotion Act”.

FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

7 USC 4901 note.

SEC. 1642. (a) Congress finds that—

(1) the per capita consumption of watermelons in the United States has declined steadily in recent years;

(2) watermelons are an important cash crop to many farmers in the United States and are an economical, enjoyable, and healthful food for consumers;

(3) approximately 2,607,600,000 pounds of watermelons with a farm value of \$158,923,000 were produced in 1981 in the United States;

(4) watermelons move in the channels of interstate commerce, and watermelons that do not move in such channels directly affect interstate commerce;

(5) the maintenance and expansion of existing markets and the establishment of new or improved markets and uses for watermelons are vital to the welfare of watermelon growers and those concerned with marketing, using, and handling watermelons, as well as the general economic welfare of the Nation; and

(6) the development and implementation of coordinated programs of research, development, advertising, and promotion are necessary to maintain and expand existing markets and establish new or improved markets and uses for watermelons.

Prohibition.

(b) It is declared to be the policy of Congress that it is essential in the public interest, through the exercise of the powers provided herein, to authorize the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development, financing (through adequate assessments on watermelons harvested in the United States for commercial use), and carrying out of an effective, continuous, and coordinated program of research, development, advertising, and promotion designed to strengthen the watermelon's competitive position in the marketplace, and establish, maintain, and expand domestic and foreign markets for watermelons produced in the United States. The purpose of this subtitle is to so authorize the establishment of such procedure and the development, financing, and carrying out of such program. Nothing in this subtitle may be construed to dictate quality standards nor provide for the control of production or otherwise limit the right of individual watermelon producers to produce watermelons.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 1643. As used in this subtitle—

7 USC 4902.

(1) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture;

(2) the term "person" means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or other entity;

(3) the term "watermelon" means all varieties of watermelon grown by producers in the forty-eight contiguous States of the United States;

(4) the term "handler" means any person (except a common or contract carrier of watermelons owned by another person) who handles watermelons in a manner specified in a plan issued under this subtitle or in regulations promulgated thereunder;

(5) the term "producer" means any person engaged in the growing of five or more acres of watermelons;

(6) the term "promotion" means any action taken by the Board, under this subtitle, to present a favorable image for watermelons to the public with the express intent of improving the competitive position of watermelons in the marketplace and stimulating sales of watermelons, and shall include, but not be limited to, paid advertising; and

(7) the term "Board" means the National Watermelon Promotion Board provided for in section 1644.

Infra.

ISSUANCE OF PLANS

SEC. 1644. To effectuate the declared policy of this subtitle, the Secretary shall, under the provisions of this subtitle, issue, and from time to time may amend, orders (applicable to producers and handlers of watermelons) authorizing the collection of assessments on watermelons under this subtitle and the use of such funds to cover the costs of research, development, advertising, and promotion with respect to watermelons under this subtitle. Any order issued by the Secretary under this subtitle shall hereinafter in this subtitle be referred to as a "plan". Any plan shall be applicable to watermelons produced in the forty-eight contiguous States of the United States.

7 USC 4903.

NOTICE AND HEARINGS

SEC. 1645. (a) When sufficient evidence, as determined by the Secretary, is presented to the Secretary by watermelon producers and handlers, or whenever the Secretary has reason to believe that a plan will tend to effectuate the declared policy of this subtitle, the Secretary shall give due notice and opportunity for a hearing on a proposed plan. Such hearing may be requested by watermelon producers or handlers or by any other interested person, including the Secretary, when the request for such hearing is accompanied by a proposal for a plan.

7 USC 4904.

(b) After notice and opportunity for hearing as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall issue a plan if the Secretary finds, and sets forth in such plan, on the evidence introduced at the hearing that the issuance of the plan and all the terms and conditions thereof will tend to effectuate the declared policy of this subtitle.

REGULATIONS

7 USC 4905. SEC. 1646. The Secretary may issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle and the powers vested in the Secretary under this subtitle.

REQUIRED TERMS IN PLANS

7 USC 4906. SEC. 1647. (a) Any plan issued under this subtitle shall contain the terms and provisions described in this section.

(b) The plan shall provide for the establishment by the Secretary of the National Watermelon Promotion Board and for defining its powers and duties, which shall include the powers to—

- (1) administer the plan in accordance with its terms and conditions;
- Regulations. (2) make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and conditions of the plan;
- Report. (3) receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the plan; and

(4) recommend to the Secretary amendments to the plan.

(c) The plan shall provide that the Board shall be composed of representatives of producers and handlers, and one representative of the public, appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted in accordance with this subsection. An equal number of representatives of producers and handlers shall be nominated by producers and handlers, and the representative of the public shall be nominated by the producer and handler members of the Board, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary. If producers and handlers fail to select nominees for appointment to the Board, the Secretary may appoint persons on the basis of representation as provided for in the plan. If the Board fails to nominate a public representative, the Secretary shall choose such representative for appointment.

(d) The plan shall provide that all Board members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of the Board.

(e) The plan shall provide that the Board shall prepare and submit to the Secretary for the Secretary's approval a budget, on a fiscal period basis, of its anticipated expenses and disbursements in the administration of the plan, including probable costs of research, development, advertising, and promotion.

(f) The plan shall provide for the fixing by the Secretary of assessments to cover costs incurred under the budgets provided for in subsection (e), and under section 1648(f), based on the Board's recommendation as to the appropriate rate of assessment, and for the collection of the assessments by the Board.

(g) The plan shall provide that—

- (1) funds collected by the Board shall be used for research, development, advertising, or promotion of watermelons and such other expenses for the administration, maintenance, and functioning of the Board as may be authorized by the Secretary, including any referendum and administrative costs incurred by the Department of Agriculture under this subtitle;

Prohibition. (2) no advertising or sales promotion program under this subtitle shall make any reference to private brand names nor use false or unwarranted claims in behalf of watermelons or

their products or false or unwarranted statements with respect to attributes or use of any competing products;

(3) no funds collected by the Board shall in any manner be used for the purpose of influencing governmental policy or action, except as provided by subsections (b)(4) and (f); and

Prohibition.

(4) assessments shall be made on watermelons produced by producers and watermelons handled by handlers, and the rate of such assessments shall be the same, on a per-unit basis, for producers and handlers. If a person performs both producing and handling functions, both assessments shall be paid by such person.

(h) The plan shall provide that, notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, any watermelon producer or handler against whose watermelons an assessment is made and collected under this subtitle and who is not in favor of supporting the research, development, advertising, and promotion program provided for under this subtitle shall have the right to demand a refund of the assessment from the Board, under regulations, and on a form and within a time period (not less than 90 days), prescribed by the Board and approved by the Secretary. A producer or handler who timely makes demand in accord with the regulations, on submission of proof satisfactory to the Board that the producer or handler paid the assessment for which the refund is sought, shall receive such refund within 60 days after demand therefor.

Regulations.

(i) The plan shall provide that the Board, subject to the provisions of subsections (e), (f), and (g), shall develop and submit to the Secretary, for the Secretary's approval, any research, development, advertising, or promotion program or project, and that a program or project must be approved by the Secretary before becoming effective.

(j) The plan shall provide the Board with authority to enter into contracts or agreements, with the approval of the Secretary, for the development and carrying out of research, development, advertising, or promotion programs or projects, and the payment of the cost thereof with funds collected under this subtitle.

Contracts.

(k) The plan shall provide that the Board shall (1) maintain books and records, (2) prepare and submit to the Secretary such reports from time to time as may be prescribed for appropriate accounting with respect to the receipt and disbursement of funds entrusted to it, and (3) cause a complete audit report to be submitted to the Secretary at the end of each fiscal period.

Report.

PERMISSIVE TERMS IN PLANS

SEC. 1648. (a) Any plan issued under this subtitle may contain one or more of the terms and provisions described in this section, but except as provided in section 1647 no others.

7 USC 4907.

(b) The plan may provide for the exemption, from the provisions of the plan, of watermelons used for nonfood uses, and authority for the Board to establish satisfactory safeguards against improper use of such exemption.

Ante, p. 1624.

(c) The plan may provide for the designation of different handler payment and reporting schedules with respect to assessments, as provided for in sections 1647 and 1649, to recognize differences in marketing practices and procedures used in different production areas.

Post, p. 1626.

(d) The plan may provide for the establishment, issuance, effectuation, and administration of appropriate programs or projects for the advertising and other sales promotion of watermelons and for the disbursement of necessary funds for such purposes. Any such program or project shall be directed toward increasing the general demand for watermelons, and promotional activities shall comply with the provisions of section 1647(g).

Ante, p. 1624.

(e) The plan may provide for establishing and carrying out research and development projects and studies to the end that the marketing and use of watermelons may be encouraged, expanded, improved, or made more efficient, and for the disbursement of necessary funds for such purposes.

Prohibition.

(f) The plan may provide authority for the accumulation of reserve funds from assessments collected under this subtitle, to permit an effective and continuous coordinated program of research, development, advertising, and promotion in years when watermelon production and assessment income may be reduced, except that the total reserve fund may not exceed the amount budgeted for two years operation.

(g) The plan may provide for the use of funds from assessments collected under this subtitle, with the approval of the Secretary, for the development and expansion of sales of watermelons in foreign markets.

(h) The plan may contain terms and conditions incidental to and not inconsistent with the terms and conditions specified in this subtitle and necessary to effectuate the other provisions of the plan.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Records.
Prohibition.
7 USC 4908.

SEC. 1649. (a) Each handler required to pay assessments under a plan, as provided for under section 1647(f), shall be responsible for payment to the Board, as it may direct, of the assessments. A handler also shall collect from any producer, or shall deduct from the proceeds paid to any producer, on whose watermelons a producer assessment is made, the assessments required to be paid by the producer. The handler shall remit producer assessments to the Board as the Board directs. Such handler shall maintain a separate record with respect to each producer for whom watermelons were handled. Such records shall indicate the total quantity of watermelons handled by the handler, including those handled for producers and for the handler, the total quantity of watermelons handled by the handler that are included under the terms of the plan, as well as those that are exempt under the plan, and such other information as may be prescribed by the Board. To facilitate the collection and payment of assessments, the Board may designate different handlers or classes of handlers to recognize differences in marketing practices or procedures used in any State or area. The handler shall be assessed an equal amount as the producer. No more than one assessment on a producer nor more than one assessment on a handler shall be made on any watermelons.

Records.
Regulation.

(b) Handlers responsible for payment of assessments under subsection (a) shall maintain and make available for inspection by the Secretary such books and records as required by the plan and file reports at the times, in the manner, and having the content prescribed by the plan, to the end that information and data shall be made available to the Board and to the Secretary that is appropriate

or necessary to the effectuation, administration, or enforcement of this subtitle or of any plan or regulation issued under this subtitle.

(c) All information obtained under subsections (a) and (b) shall be kept confidential by all officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture and of the Board, and only such information so furnished or acquired as the Secretary deems relevant shall be disclosed by them, and then only in a suit or administrative hearing brought at the direction, or on the request, of the Secretary, or to which the Secretary or any officer of the United States is a party, and involving the plan with reference to which the information to be disclosed was furnished or acquired. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit—

Prohibition.

(1) the issuance of general statements based on the reports of a number of handlers subject to a plan if such statements do not identify the information furnished by any person; or

(2) the publication by direction of the Secretary of the name of any person violating any plan together with a statement of the particular provisions of the plan violated by such person.

Any such officer or employee violating the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and shall be removed from office.

PETITION AND REVIEW

SEC. 1650. (a) Any person subject to a plan may file a written petition with the Secretary, stating that the plan or any provision of the plan, or any obligation imposed in connection therewith, is not in accordance with law and praying for a modification thereof or to be exempted therefrom. The person shall be given an opportunity for a hearing on the petition, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary. After the hearing, the Secretary shall make a ruling on the petition, which shall be final if in accordance with the law.

Regulations.
7 USC 4909.

(b) The district courts of the United States in any district in which the person is an inhabitant, or in which the person's principal place of business is located, are hereby vested with jurisdiction to review such ruling, provided that a complaint for that purpose is filed within twenty days from the date of the entry of the ruling. Service of process in such proceedings may be had on the Secretary by delivering to the Secretary a copy of the complaint. If the court determines that the ruling is not in accordance with law, it shall remand the proceedings to the Secretary with directions either to (1) make such ruling as the court shall determine to be in accordance with law, or (2) take such further proceedings as, in its opinion, the law requires. The pendency of proceedings instituted under subsection (a) shall not impede or delay the United States or the Secretary from obtaining relief under section 1851(a).

ENFORCEMENT

SEC. 1651. (a) The several district courts of the United States are vested with jurisdiction specifically to enforce, and to prevent and restrain any person from violating, any plan or regulation made or issued under this subtitle. The facts relating to any civil action that may be brought under this subsection shall be referred to the Attorney General for appropriate action, except that nothing in this subtitle shall be construed as requiring the Secretary to refer to the

Regulations.
Prohibition.
7 USC 4910.

Attorney General violations of this subtitle whenever the Secretary believes that the administration and enforcement of the plan or regulation would be adequately served by administrative action under subsection (b) or suitable written notice or warning to any person committing the violations.

Regulations.

(b)(1) Any person who violates any provision of any plan or regulation issued by the Secretary under this subtitle, or who fails or refuses to pay, collect, or remit any assessment or fee required of the person thereunder, may be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation. Each violation shall be a separate offense. In addition to or in lieu of such civil penalty, the Secretary may issue an order requiring the person to cease and desist from continuing the violation. No penalty shall be assessed nor cease and desist order issued unless the person is given notice and opportunity for a hearing before the Secretary with respect to the violation. The order of the Secretary assessing a penalty or imposing a cease and desist order shall be final and conclusive unless the person affected by the order files an appeal from the Secretary's order with the appropriate United States court of appeals.

(2) Any person against whom a violation is found and a civil penalty assessed or cease and desist order issued under paragraph (1) may obtain review in the court of appeals of the United States for the circuit in which such person resides or carries on business or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by filing a notice of appeal in such court within thirty days after the date of the order and by simultaneously sending a copy of the notice by certified mail to the Secretary. The Secretary shall promptly file in such court a certified copy of the record on which the violation was found. The findings of the Secretary shall be set aside only if found to be unsupported by substantial evidence.

(3) Any person who fails to obey a cease and desist order after it has become final and unappealable, or after the appropriate court of appeals has entered a final judgment in favor of the Secretary, shall be subject to a civil penalty assessed by the Secretary, after opportunity for a hearing and for judicial review under the procedures specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), of not more than \$500 for each offense. Each day during which the failure continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

(4) If any person fails to pay an assessment of a civil penalty after it has become a final and unappealable order, or after the appropriate court of appeals has entered final judgment in favor of the Secretary, the Secretary shall refer the matter to the Attorney General for recovery of the amount assessed in any appropriate district court of the United States. In such action, the validity and appropriateness of the final order imposing the civil penalty shall not be subject to review.

INVESTIGATION AND POWER TO SUBPOENA

Regulations.
7 USC 4911.

SEC. 1652. (a) The Secretary may make such investigations as the Secretary deems necessary to carry out effectively the Secretary's responsibilities under this subtitle or to determine whether a handler or any other person has engaged or is engaging in any acts or practices that constitute a violation of any provision of this subtitle, or of any plan or regulation issued under this subtitle. For the purpose of an investigation, the Secretary may administer oaths and

affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, and documents that are relevant to the inquiry. The attendance of witnesses and the production of records may be required from any place in the United States. In case of contumacy by, or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to, any person, including a handler, the Secretary may invoke the aid of any court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which such investigation or proceeding is carried on, or where such person resides or carries on business, in requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and documents; and such court may issue an order requiring the person to appear before the Secretary, there to produce records, if so ordered, or to give testimony touching the matter under investigation. Any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by the court as contempt thereof. All process in any such case may be served in the judicial district in which the person is an inhabitant or wherever the person may be found. The site of any hearing held under this subsection shall be within the judicial district in which the handler or other person is an inhabitant or in which the person's principal place of business is located.

(b) No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, and documents before the Secretary, or in obedience to the subpoena of the Secretary, or in any cause or proceeding, criminal or otherwise, based on, or growing out of, any alleged violation of this subtitle, or of any plan or regulation issued thereunder, on the grounds that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of the person may tend to incriminate the person or subject the person to a penalty or forfeiture. However, no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which the person is compelled, after having claimed the person's privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that any individual so testifying shall not be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.

Prohibition.
Regulation.

REQUIREMENT OF REFERENDUM

SEC. 1653. The Secretary shall conduct a referendum among producers and handlers not exempt under sections 1643(5) and 1648(b) who, during a representative period determined by the Secretary, have been engaged in the production or handling of watermelons, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the issuance of a plan is approved or favored by producers and handlers. The referendum shall be conducted at the county extension offices. No plan issued under this subtitle shall be effective unless the Secretary determines that the issuance of the plan is approved or favored by not less than two-thirds of the producers and handlers voting in such referendum, or by the producers and handlers of not less than two-thirds of the watermelons produced and handled during the representative period by producers and handlers voting in such referendum, and by not less than a majority of the producers and a majority of the handlers voting in the referendum. The ballots and other information or reports that reveal or tend to reveal the vote of any producer or handler or the person's volume of watermelons produced or handled shall be held strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed. Any officer or employee of the Department of

Prohibition.
7 USC 4912.
Ante, p. 1623.
Ante, p. 1625.

Ante, p. 1626. Agriculture violating the provisions hereof shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 1649(c) of this subtitle.

SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF PLANS

7 USC 4913. SEC. 1654. (a) Whenever the Secretary finds that a plan or any provision thereof obstructs or does not tend to effectuate the declared policy of this subtitle, the Secretary shall terminate or suspend the operation of the plan or provision.

(b) The Secretary may conduct a referendum at any time, and shall hold a referendum on request of the Board or 10 per centum or more of the watermelon producers and handlers eligible to vote in a referendum, to determine if watermelon producers and handlers favor the termination or suspension of the plan. The Secretary shall terminate or suspend the plan at the end of the marketing year whenever the Secretary determines that the termination or suspension is favored by a majority of those voting in the referendum, and who produce or handle more than 50 per centum of the volume of the watermelons produced by the producers or handled by the handlers voting in the referendum. Any such referendum shall be conducted at county extension offices.

AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

7 USC 4914. SEC. 1655. The provisions of this subtitle applicable to plans shall be applicable to amendments to plans.

SEPARABILITY

Provisions held
invalid.
Prohibition.
7 USC 4915.

SEC. 1656. If any provision of this subtitle or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this subtitle and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Prohibition.
7 USC 4916.

SEC. 1657. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, except that the funds so appropriated shall not be available for the payment of any expenses or expenditures of the Board in administering any provision of any plan issued under authority of this subtitle.

Subtitle D—Marketing Orders

MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR ORDER VIOLATIONS

7 USC 674. SEC. 1661. (a) Section 8c(14) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c(14)), reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, is amended by striking out "\$500" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,000".

Prohibition.
7 USC 608c
note.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any violation described in section 8c(14) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act occurring before the date of the enactment of this Act.

LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE MARKETING ORDERS

SEC. 1662. (a) Section 8c(16) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c(16)), reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, is amended by—

7 USC 674.

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) striking out “The Secretary” and inserting in lieu thereof “(i) Except as provided in clause (ii), the Secretary”; and

(B) adding at the end thereof the following:

“(ii) The Secretary may not terminate any order issued under this section for a commodity for which there is no Federal program established to support the price of such commodity unless the Secretary gives notice of, and a statement of the reasons relied upon by the Secretary for, the proposed termination of such order to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives not later than 60 days before the date such order will be terminated.”; and

(2) in subparagraph (C), striking out “The termination” and inserting in lieu thereof “Except as otherwise provided in this subsection with respect to the termination of an order issued under this section, the termination”.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture may not terminate any marketing order under section 8c(16) of the of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c(16)), reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, if such termination becomes effective before January 16, 1986.

Prohibition.
7 USC 608c
note.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

SEC. 1663. Section 8d(2) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608d(2)), reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, is amended by—

(1) inserting in the first sentence after “pursuant to this section” the following: “, as well as information for marketing order programs that is categorized as trade secrets and commercial or financial information exempt under section 552(b)(4) of title 5 of the United States Code from disclosure under section 552 of such title.”; and

(2) inserting after the first sentence the following: “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any such information relating to a marketing agreement or order applicable to milk may be released upon the authorization of any regulated milk handler to whom such information pertains. The Secretary shall notify the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives not later than 10 legislative days before the contemplated release under law, of the names and addresses of producers participating in such marketing agreements and orders, and shall include in such notice a statement of reasons relied upon by the Secretary in making the determination to release such names and addresses.”.

Milk.

Subtitle E—Grain Inspection

GRAIN STANDARDS

SEC. 1671. Section 4 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 76) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(c) If the Government of any country requests that moisture content remain a criterion in the official grade designations of grain, such criterion shall be included in determining the official grade designation of grain shipped to such country.”.

NEW GRAIN CLASSIFICATIONS

7 USC 76 note.

SEC. 1672. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall direct the Federal Grain Inspection Service and the Agricultural Research Service to cooperate in developing new means of establishing grain classifications taking into account characteristics other than those visually evident.

Report.
Wheat.

(b) The Secretary shall report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, semiannually, with the first report due not later than December 31, 1985, on the status of cooperative efforts required under subsection (a), as such efforts relate to more accurately classifying types of wheat and other grains currently in use.

STUDY OF GRAIN STANDARDS

SEC. 1673. (a)(1) The Office of Technology Assessment shall conduct a study of United States grain export quality standards and grain handling practices.

(2) The Office of Technology Assessment shall conduct such study—

- (A) in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture; and
- (B) in accordance with Section 3(d) of Technology Assessment Act of 1972 (2 U.S.C. 472(d)).

(b) In conducting such study, the Office of Technology Assessment shall—

- (1) evaluate the competitive problems the United States faces in international grain markets that may be attributed to grain quality standards and handling practices rather than price;
- (2) identify the extent to which United States grain export quality standards and handling practices have contributed toward the recent decline in United States grain exports; and
- (3) perform a comparative analysis between—

(A) the grain quality standards and practices of the United States and the major grain export competitors of the United States;

(B) the grain handling technology of the United States and the major grain export competitors of the United States;

Regulation.

- (4) evaluate the consequences on United States export grain sales, the cost of exporting grain, and the prices received by farmers should United States export grain elevators be subject, by law or regulation, to requirements that—

Prohibition.

- (A) no dockage or foreign material (including but not limited to dust or particles of whatever origin) once removed from grain shall be recombined with any grain if

there is a possibility that the recombined product may be exported from the United States;

(B) no dockage or foreign material of any origin may be added to any grain that may be exported if the result will be to reduce the grade or quality of the grain or to reduce the ability of the grain to resist spoilage; and

Prohibition.

(C) no blending of grain with a similar grain of different moisture content may be permitted if the difference between the moisture contents of the grains being blended is more than 1 percent; and

Prohibition.

(5) evaluate the current method of establishing grain classification, the feasibility of utilizing new technology to correctly classify grains, and the impact of new seed varieties on exports and users of grain.

Exports.

(c) Not later than December 1, 1986, the Office of Technology Assessment shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report containing the results of the study required under this section, together with such comments and recommendations for the improvement of United States grain export quality standards and handling practices as the Office of Technology Assessment considers appropriate.

Report.

TITLE XVII—RELATED AND MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Subtitle A—Processing, Inspection, and Labeling

POULTRY INSPECTION

SEC. 1701. (a) Section 17 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 466) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all poultry, or parts or products thereof, capable of use as human food offered for importation into the United States shall—

“(A) be subject to the same inspection, sanitary, quality, species verification, and residue standards applied to products produced in the United States; and

“(B) have been processed in facilities and under conditions that are the same as those under which similar products are processed in the United States.

“(2) Any such imported poultry article that does not meet such standards shall not be permitted entry into the United States.

Prohibition.

“(3) The Secretary shall enforce this subsection through—

“(A) random inspections for such species verification and for residues; and

“(B) random sampling and testing of internal organs and fat of carcasses for residues at the point of slaughter by the exporting country, in accordance with methods approved by the Secretary.”.

(b) The amendment made by this section shall become effective 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

Effective date.
21 USC 466 note.

INSPECTION AND OTHER STANDARDS FOR IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT
FOOD PRODUCTS

Prohibition.

SEC. 1702. (a) Section 20(f) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 620(f)) is amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Each foreign country from which such meat articles are offered for importation into the United States shall obtain a certification issued by the Secretary stating that the country maintains a program using reliable analytical methods to ensure compliance with the United States standards for residues in such meat articles. No such meat article shall be permitted entry into the United States from a country for which the Secretary has not issued such certification. The Secretary shall periodically review such certifications and shall revoke any certification if the Secretary determines that the country involved is not maintaining a program that uses reliable analytical methods to ensure compliance with United States standards for residues in such meat articles. The consideration of any application for a certification under this subsection and the review of any such certification, by the Secretary, shall include the inspection of individual establishments to ensure that the inspection program of the foreign country involved is meeting such United States standards."

(b) Section 20 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 620) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Animals.
Prohibition.

"(g) The Secretary may prescribe terms and conditions under which cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, and other equines that have been administered an animal drug or antibiotic banned for use in the United States may be imported for slaughter and human consumption. No person shall enter cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, and other equines into the United States in violation of any order issued under this subsection by the Secretary."

EXAMINATION AND REPORT OF LABELING AND SANITATION STANDARDS
FOR IMPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Study.

SEC. 1703. (a)(1) The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Agriculture product purity and inspection requirements and regulations currently in effect for imported food products and agricultural commodities. The study shall evaluate the effectiveness of Federal regulations and inspection procedures to detect prohibited chemical residues and foreign matter in or on food or raw agricultural commodities in processed or unprocessed form.

Regulations.
Animals.

(2) The study shall include a review of Federal regulations and inspection procedures currently in effect to detect in imported live animals chemicals and chemical residues the use of which is prohibited in the production of domestic live animals.

Reports.

(3) The study shall include recommendations regarding the feasibility of requiring that quality control reports relating to product purity and inspection procedures be submitted from processing plants certified by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible to export meat and meat food products to the United States.

(4) The study shall include recommendations on the adequacy of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture to prescribe and enforce food sanitation requirements

and chemical and chemical residue standards for imported agricultural commodities and food products.

(b) The study also shall evaluate the feasibility of requiring all imported meat and meat food products, agricultural commodities, and products of such commodities to bear a label stating the country of origin of such commodities and products. The study shall include an evaluation of the feasibility of requiring any person owning or operating an eating establishment that serves any meat or meat food product required to be marked or labeled under paragraph (1) or (2) of section 7(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 607(c)) to inform individuals purchasing food from such establishment that meat or meat food products served at the establishment may be imported articles—

(1) by displaying a sign indicating that imported meat is served in such establishment; or

(2) by providing the information specified in paragraph (1) of such section 7(c) on the menus offered to such individuals.

(c) The Secretary shall submit the results of the study conducted under subsection (a) to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

POTATO INSPECTION

SEC. 1704. The Secretary of Agriculture shall perform random spot checks of potatoes entering through ports of entry in the northeastern United States. The Secretary of Agriculture shall report to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives the results of such spot checks.

Report.
7 USC 499n
note.

Subtitle B—Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees

LOCAL COMMITTEES

SEC. 1711. (a) The fifth paragraph of section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking out the third sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“There shall be 3 local administrative areas in each county, except that, in counties with less than one hundred and fifty farmers, the county committee selected as hereinafter provided may reduce the number of local administrative areas to one, and except that the Secretary may include more than one county or parts of different counties in a local administrative area when the Secretary determines that there are insufficient farmers in an area to establish a slate of candidates for a community committee and hold an election.

(2) by striking out “annually” in the fourth sentence (as it existed before the amendments made by this section);

(3) by inserting after the fourth sentence (as it existed before the amendments made by this section) the following new sentences: “Each member of a local committee shall be elected for a term of 3 years. Each local committee shall meet (A) once each year and shall receive compensation for such meeting by the Secretary at not less than the level in effect on December 31,

1985, and (B) at the direction of the county committee and with the approval of the State committee, such additional times during the year as may be necessary to carry out this section without compensation. The meetings of a local committee shall be held on different days of the year.”; and

(4) by inserting after the eighth sentence (as it existed before the amendments made by this section) the following new sentences: “The local committees in each county shall (A) in a county in which there is more than one local committee, serve as advisors and consultants to the county committee; (B) periodically meet with the county committee and State committee to be informed on farm program issues; (C) communicate with producers within their communities on issues or concerns regarding farm programs; (D) report to the county committee, the State committee, and other interested persons on changes to, or modifications of, farm programs recommended by producers in their communities; and (E) perform such other functions as are required by law or as the Secretary may specify. The Secretary shall ensure that information concerning changes in Federal laws in effect with respect to agricultural programs and the administration of such laws are communicated in a timely manner to local committees in areas that contain agricultural producers who might be affected by such changes.”.

Effective date.
Prohibition.
16 USC 590h
note.

(b)(1) The amendments made by this section shall become effective on January 1, 1986, except that the amendments made by clauses (2) and (3) of subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to the term of office of any member of a local committee elected before January 1, 1986.

16 USC 590h.

(2) If the number of local administrative areas and local committees in a county increases as a result of a change in the number of local administrative areas in the county under section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (as amended by subsection (a)(1)), any member of a local committee in such county elected before January 1, 1986, shall serve the unexpired portion of any term commenced before the date of such increase as a member of the local committee for the administrative area in which such member resides.

COUNTY COMMITTEES

SEC. 1712. The first sentence of the fifth paragraph of section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590h(b)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “and as otherwise directed by law with respect to other programs and functions,” after “Alaska,”; and

(2) by inserting a semicolon and “and the Secretary may use the services of such committees in carrying out other programs and functions of the Department of Agriculture” before the period at the end thereof.

SALARY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

SEC. 1713. (a) Section 388(b) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1388(b)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” after the subsection designation; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph: “(2)(A) The Secretary shall provide compensation to members of such county committees (at not less than the level in effect on

December 31, 1985 for county committees) for work actually performed by such persons in cooperating in carrying out the Acts in connection with which such committees are used.

“(B) The rate of compensation received by such persons for such work on the date of enactment of the Food Security Act of 1985 shall be increased at the discretion of the Secretary.”.

(b) Section 388 of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection: 7 USC 1388.

“(c)(1) The Secretary shall make payments to members of local, county, and State committees to cover expenses for travel incurred by such persons (including, in the case of a member of a local or county committee, travel between the home of such member and the local county office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) in cooperating in carrying out the Acts in connection with which such Committees are used.

“(2) Such travel expenses shall be paid in the manner authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code, for the payment of expenses and allowances for individuals employed intermittently in the Federal Government service.”.

(c) The amendments made by this section shall become effective on January 1, 1986. Effective date.
7 USC 1388 note.

Subtitle C—National Agricultural Policy Commission Act of 1985

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 1721. This subtitle may be cited as the “National Agricultural Policy Commission Act of 1985”.

National
Agricultural
Policy
Commission Act
of 1985.
7 USC 5001 note

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 1722. As used in this subtitle—

(1) the term “Commission” means the National Commission on Agricultural Policy established under section 1723;

(2) the term “Governor” means the chief executive officer of a State; and

(3) the term “State” means the fifty States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

7 USC 5001.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION

SEC. 1723. (a) There is established a National Commission on Agricultural Policy to conduct a study of—

(A) the structure, procedures, and methods of formulating and administering agricultural policies, programs, and practices of the United States; and

(B) conditions in rural areas of the United States and the manner in which such conditions relate to the provision of public services by Federal, State, and local governments.

(b) In addition to the members specified in subsection (c), the Commission shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by the President and selected as follows:

(1) The President shall request Governors of States to nominate members representing individuals and industries directly affected by agricultural policies, including—

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7 USC 5002.

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(A) producers of major agricultural commodities or the products thereof in the United States;

(B) processors or refiners of United States agricultural commodities or the products thereof;

(C) exporters, transporters, or shippers of United States agricultural commodities or the products thereof;

(D) suppliers of agricultural equipment or materials to United States farmers;

(E) providers of financing or credit for agricultural purposes; and

(F) consumers of United States agricultural commodities or the products thereof.

(2) The Governor of a State may submit to the President a list of not less than two, nor more than four, nominees to serve on the Commission who represent individuals and industries referred to in paragraph (1).

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(3)(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), the President shall appoint 15 individuals from a total of, to the extent practicable, not less than sixty individuals nominated by States under paragraph (2) to serve on the Commission.

(B) The President may appoint to the Commission not more than—

(i) one individual nominated by a particular State; and

(ii) seven individuals of the same political party.

(C) If the President determines that the individuals nominated by States under paragraph (2) are not broadly representative of the individuals and industries referred to in paragraph (1), the President may substitute no more than three other individuals to serve on the Commission who represent such individuals and industries.

Prohibition.

(c)(1) The chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate shall—

(A) serve as ex officio members of the Commission; and

(B) have the same voting rights as the members of the Commission selected and appointed under subsection (b).

(2) The chairmen and ranking minority members may designate other members of the respective committees to serve in their stead as members of the Commission.

(d) A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(e) The Commission shall elect a chairman from among the members of the Commission who are selected and appointed under the provisions of subsection (b).

(f) The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairman or a majority of the Commission.

CONDUCT OF STUDY

7 USC 5003.

SEC. 1724. The Commission shall study—

(1) the structure, procedures, and methods of formulating and administering agricultural policies, programs, and practices of the United States, including—

(A) the effectiveness of existing agricultural programs in improving farm income;

(B) the manner in which the programs may be improved to retain a family-farm system of agricultural production;

(C) the effect of legislative and administrative changes in agricultural policy on planning and long-term profitability of farmers;

(D) the effect on farmers of the existing system and structure of formulating and implementing agriculture policy;

(E) the effect of national and international economic trends on United States agricultural production;

(F) the means of adjusting the agricultural policies, programs, and practices of the United States to meet changing economic conditions;

(G) potential areas of conflict and compatibility between the structure of making agricultural policy and long-term stability in policy and practices;

(H) changing demographic trends and the manner in which such trends affect agriculture and agricultural policy consistency; and

(I) the role of State and local governments in future agricultural policy; and

(2) conditions in rural areas of the United States and the manner in which such conditions relate to the provision of public services by Federal, State, and local governments, including an analysis of—

(A) conditions that reflect the declining rural economy, including economic and demographic trends, rural and agricultural income and debt, and other appropriate social and economic indicators of such conditions;

(B) trends and fiscal conditions of rural local governments;

(C) trends and patterns in the delivery of rural public services;

(D) the impact of the deregulation of transportation, telecommunications, and banking on the rural economy and delivery of public services; and

(E) trends and patterns of Federal, State, and local government financing, delivery, and regulation of public services in rural areas of the United States.

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Banks and banking.
Regulations.
Rural areas.

REPORTS

SEC. 1725. Not later than twelve months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and each twelve months thereafter during the existence of the Commission, the Commission shall submit an annual report to the President and Congress containing the findings and recommendations of the Commission with respect to the matters referred to in section 1724. The Commission may not comment on legislation pending before Congress unless specifically requested to do so by the Chairman of an appropriate committee.

7 USC 5004.

Ante, p. 1638.

ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 1726. (a) The heads of executive agencies, the General Accounting Office, the International Trade Commission, and the Congressional Budget Office, to the extent permitted by law, shall provide the Commission with such information as the Com-

7 USC 5005.

mission may require in carrying out the duties and functions of the Commission.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), members of the Commission shall serve without any additional compensation for work performed on the Commission.

(2) Such members who are private citizens of the United States may be allowed travel expenses, including a per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law for persons serving intermittently in the Government service under sections 5701 through 5707 of title 5, United States Code.

(c) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated in advance and such rules as may be adopted by the Commission and without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service or the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to the classification and General Schedule pay rates, the Chairman of the Commission may appoint and fix the compensation of a director and such additional staff personnel as the Commission determines are necessary to carry out duties and functions of the Commission.

(d)(1) On the request of the Commission, the Secretary of Agriculture shall furnish the Commission with such personnel and support services as are necessary to assist the Commission in carrying out duties and functions of the Commission.

(2) On the request of the Commission, the heads of other executive agencies and the General Accounting Office may furnish the Commission with such personnel and support services as the head of the agency or Office and the Chairman of the Commission agree are necessary to assist the Commission in carrying out duties and functions of the Commission.

(3) The Commission shall not be required to pay or reimburse an agency or the Office for personnel and support services provided under this section.

(e)(1) In accordance with section 12 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall maintain records of—

(A) the disposition of any funds that may be at the disposal of the Commission; and

(B) the nature and extent of activities of the Commission.

(2) The Comptroller General of the United States shall have access to such records for the purpose of audit and examination.

(f) The Commission shall be exempt from sections 7(d), 10(e), 10(f), and 14 of the Federal Advisory Committees Act and sections 4301 through 4308 of title 5 of the United States Code.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 1727. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subtitle.

(b) To the maximum extent practicable, this subtitle shall be carried out using funds otherwise available to the Secretary of Agriculture for the expenses of advisory committees.

TERMINATION

SEC. 1728. This subtitle and the Commission shall terminate five years after the date of enactment of this Act.

5 USC 5101
et seq.
5 USC 5331
et seq.

Prohibition.

Records.
5 USC app.

5 USC app.

7 USC 5006.

7 USC 5007.

Subtitle C—National Aquaculture Improvement Act of 1985

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 1731. This subtitle may be cited as the “National Aquaculture Improvement Act of 1985”.

National
Aquaculture
Improvement
Act of 1985.
16 USC 2801
note.

FINDINGS, PURPOSE, AND POLICY

SEC. 1732. Section 2 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2801) is amended—

(1) by amending subsection (a)(3)—

(A) by striking out “10 per centum” and inserting in lieu thereof “13 percent”, and

(B) by striking out “3 per centum” and inserting in lieu thereof “6 percent”;

(2) by amending subsection (a)(7) by inserting “scientific,” before “economic,” and by inserting “the lack of supportive Government policies,” immediately after “management information,”;

(3) by amending subsection (b)—

(A) by striking out “and” at the end of paragraph (2),

(B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4), and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) establishing the Department of Agriculture as the lead Federal agency with respect to the coordination and dissemination of national aquaculture information by designating the Secretary of Agriculture as the permanent chairman of the coordinating group and by establishing a National Aquaculture Information Center within the Department of Agriculture; and”;

(4) by amending subsection (c) by inserting “for reducing the United States trade deficit in fisheries products,” immediately after “potential” in the first sentence.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 1733. Section 3 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2802) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (8) as paragraph (9); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following new paragraph:

“(8) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.”.

NATIONAL AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SEC. 1734. Section 4 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2803) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended—

(A) by striking out “Secretaries” each place it appears in paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu thereof “Secretary”;

(B) by amending the first sentence of paragraph (2) by inserting “the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior,” immediately after “shall consult with”

(C) by striking out paragraph (3).

(2) Subsection (b) is amended—

- (A) by inserting "to" immediately after "determine" in paragraph (1);
 - (B) by striking out "Secretaries deem" in paragraph (6) and inserting in lieu thereof "Secretary deems"; and
 - (C) by striking out "Secretaries" in the matter following paragraph (6) and inserting in lieu thereof "Secretary".
- (3) Subsection (c) is amended—
- (A) by striking out "Secretaries determine" in paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof "Secretary determines";
 - (B) by striking out "and" at the end of paragraph (2)(A);
 - (C) by striking out the period at the end of paragraph (2)(B) and inserting in lieu thereof "; and"; and
 - (D) by inserting immediately after paragraph (2)(B) the following new subparagraph:
- "(C) the concurrence of the Secretaries."

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF SECRETARIES

SEC. 1735. Section 5 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2804) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

"(c) INFORMATION SERVICES.—(1) In addition to performing such other mandatory functions under this Act—

"(A) the Secretaries shall collect and analyze scientific, technical, legal, and economic information relating to aquaculture, including acreages, water use, production, marketing, culture techniques, and other relevant matters;

"(B) the Secretary shall—

"(i) establish, within the Department of Agriculture, a National Aquaculture Information Center that shall serve as a repository for the information generated under subparagraph (A) and other provisions of this Act and shall, on a request basis, make that information available to the public,

"(ii) arrange with foreign nations for the exchange of information relating to aquaculture and support a translation service, and

Study. "(iii) conduct a study of the extent to which the United States aquaculture industry has access to relevant Federal programs which assist the agricultural sector and report to Congress on the findings of such study by December 31, 1986;

Study. "(C) the Secretary of Commerce shall conduct a study, and report to Congress thereon by December 31, 1987, to determine whether existing capture fisheries could be adversely affected by competition from products produced by commercial aquacultural enterprises and include in such study an assessment of any adverse effect, by species and by geographical region, on such fisheries and recommend measures to ameliorate any such effect; and

Study. "(D) the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall undertake a study, and report to Congress thereon by December 31, 1987, to identify exotic species introduced into the United States waters as a result of aquaculture activities, and to determine the potential benefits and impacts of the introduction of exotic species.

“(2) Any production information submitted to the Secretaries under paragraph (1)(A) shall be confidential and may only be disclosed if required under court order. The Secretaries shall preserve such confidentiality. The Secretaries may release or make public any information in any aggregate or summary form that does not directly or indirectly disclose the identity, business transactions, or trade secrets of any person who submits such information.”.

(2) Subsection (d) is amended—

(A) by striking out “Secretaries” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “Secretary”;

(B) by inserting “and in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior,” immediately after “group” in the first sentence;

(C) in the second sentence by—

(i) striking out “Each such” and inserting in lieu thereof “Such”; and

(ii) striking out “under section 4(d)”;

(D) by striking out “deem” in the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “deems”; and

(E) by striking out the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “The report required by this subsection shall be submitted to the Congress not later than February 1, 1988.”. Report.

COORDINATION OF NATIONAL ACTIVITIES REGARDING AQUACULTURE

SEC. 1736. Section 6 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2805) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by inserting “, who shall be the permanent chairman of the coordinating group” immediately after “Agriculture” in paragraph (1).

(2) Subsection (c) is repealed.

(3) Subsections (d), (e), and (f) are redesignated as subsections (c), (d), and (e), respectively.

(4) Subsection (e), as redesignated by paragraph (3), is amended by striking out “subsection (d)” in the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “subsection (c)”.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 1737. Section 10 of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2809) is amended by striking out “1985” in each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting in lieu thereof “1985, and \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1986, 1987, and 1988”. 98 Stat. 3407.

Subtitle E—Special Study and Pilot Projects on Futures Trading

FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

SEC. 1741. (a) Congress finds that there is a need for investigation and development of alternative price support programs carried out by the Department of Agriculture; that agricultural producers and others have insufficient knowledge concerning the nature and extent of price stabilization available in the private sector; and that more information is needed to accurately assess the Federal budgetary impact of producer participation in such private sector risk avoidance services. 7 USC 1421 note.

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development.

(b) It is declared to be the policy of the United States that the Department of Agriculture conduct economic research to develop more information concerning the manner in which producers might utilize agricultural commodity futures markets and options markets in connection with their marketing of the agricultural commodities of their own production; and to determine the nature and effect widespread utilization of such markets by producers would have on the prices they receive for their agricultural commodities, and to determine the feasibility of interfacing traditional Federal price support programs with private sector risk avoidance services.

STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

7 USC 1421 note.

SEC. 1742. The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a study utilizing the services of the various agencies of the United States, including, but not limited to, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to determine the manner in which agricultural commodity futures markets and agricultural commodity options markets might be used by producers of agricultural commodities traded on such markets to provide such producers with price stability and income protection; the extent of the price stability and income protection producers might reasonably expect to receive from such participation; and of the Federal budgetary impact of such participation compared with the cost of the applicable established price support programs for agricultural commodities. The Secretary shall report the results of such study to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry of the Senate and to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 1988.

PILOT PROGRAM

7 USC 1421 note.
Supra.

SEC. 1743. In connection with the study to be undertaken by the Secretary as required by section 1742 of this subtitle, the Secretary shall conduct a pilot program with respect to the crops of wheat, feed grains, soybean, and cotton in at least 40 counties which actively produce reasonable quantities of such major agricultural commodities traded on the commodity futures markets and the commodity options markets. The Secretary shall, in cooperation with the futures and options industry and the chairman of the commodity futures trading commission, conduct an extensive educational program for producers in the counties selected for the pilot program. The program shall, among other things, provide that a reasonable number of producers, as determined by the Secretary, may at their election and in accordance with pilot program requirements developed by the Secretary, participate in the trading of designated agricultural commodities on a futures market or options market in a manner designed to protect and maximize the return on agricultural commodities of their own production marketed by them in accordance with program requirements. Participating producers shall be assured by the Secretary under the terms of the program, using funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, that the net return received for the agricultural commodities that such producers allocate to the program in the manner specified by the Secretary is no less than the price support loan level for such agricultural commodity in the county where it is produced. In the formulation of the pilot program the Secretary shall utilize the

services of an advisory panel selected by the Secretary consisting of producers, processors, exporters, and futures and options traders on organized futures exchanges.

Subtitle F—Animal Welfare

FINDINGS

SEC. 1751. For the purposes of this subtitle, the Congress finds that—

7 USC 2131 note.

(1) the use of animals is instrumental in certain research and education for advancing knowledge of cures and treatment for diseases and injuries which afflict both humans and animals;

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(2) methods of testing that do not use animals are being and continue to be developed which are faster, less expensive, and more accurate than traditional animal experiments for some purposes and further opportunities exist for the development of these methods of testing;

(3) measures which eliminate or minimize the unnecessary duplication of experiments on animals can result in more productive use of Federal funds; and

(4) measures which help meet the public concern for laboratory animal care and treatment are important in assuring that research will continue to progress.

STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS

SEC. 1752. (a) Section 13 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2143) is amended by—

(1) redesignating subsections (b) through (d) as subsections (f) through (h) respectively; and

(2) striking out the first two sentences of subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following new sentences: “(1) The Secretary shall promulgate standards to govern the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of animals by dealers, research facilities, and exhibitors.

“(2) The standards described in paragraph (1) shall include minimum requirements—

“(A) for handling, housing, feeding, watering, sanitation, ventilation, shelter from extremes of weather and temperatures, adequate veterinary care, and separation by species where the Secretary finds necessary for humane handling, care, or treatment of animals; and

“(B) for exercise of dogs, as determined by an attending veterinarian in accordance with general standards promulgated by the Secretary, and for a physical environment adequate to promote the psychological well-being of primates.

“(3) In addition to the requirements under paragraph (2), the standards described in paragraph (1) shall, with respect to animals in research facilities, include requirements—

“(A) for animal care, treatment, and practices in experimental procedures to ensure that animal pain and distress are minimized, including adequate veterinary care with the appropriate use of anesthetic, analgesic, tranquilizing drugs, or euthanasia;

- “(B) that the principal investigator considers alternatives to any procedure likely to produce pain to or distress in an experimental animal;
- “(C) in any practice which could cause pain to animals—
- “(i) that a doctor of veterinary medicine is consulted in the planning of such procedures;
- “(ii) for the use of tranquilizers, analgesics, and anesthetics;
- “(iii) for pre-surgical and post-surgical care by laboratory workers, in accordance with established veterinary medical and nursing procedures;
- “(iv) against the use of paralytics without anesthesia; and
- “(v) that the withholding of tranquilizers, anesthesia, analgesia, or euthanasia when scientifically necessary shall continue for only the necessary period of time;
- Prohibition. “(D) that no animal is used in more than one major operative experiment from which it is allowed to recover except in cases of—
- “(i) scientific necessity; or
- “(ii) other special circumstances as determined by the Secretary; and
- “(E) that exceptions to such standards may be made only when specified by research protocol and that any such exception shall be detailed and explained in a report outlined under paragraph (7) and filed with the Institutional Animal Committee.”
- 7 USC 2143. (b) Section 13(a) of such Act is further amended—
- (1) by designating the third and fourth sentences as paragraph (4);
- (2) by designating the fifth sentence as paragraph (5); and
- (3) by striking out the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- Prohibition. “(6)(A) Nothing in this Act—
- “(i) except as provided in paragraphs (7) of this subsection, shall be construed as authorizing the Secretary to promulgate rules, regulations, or orders with regard to the design, outlines, or guidelines of actual research or experimentation by a research facility as determined by such research facility;
- “(ii) except as provided subparagraphs (A) and (C) (ii) through (v) of paragraph (3) and paragraph (7) of this subsection, shall be construed as authorizing the Secretary to promulgate rules, regulations, or orders with regard to the performance of actual research or experimentation by a research facility as determined by such research facility; and
- “(iii) shall authorize the Secretary, during inspection, to interrupt the conduct of actual research or experimentation.
- Regulations. “(B) No rule, regulation, order, or part of this Act shall be construed to require a research facility to disclose publicly or to the Institutional Animal Committee during its inspection, trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is privileged or confidential.
- Research and development. “(7)(A) The Secretary shall require each research facility to show upon inspection, and to report at least annually, that the provisions of this Act are being followed and that professionally acceptable standards governing the care, treatment, and use of animals are being followed by the research facility during actual research or experimentation.
- Prohibition.

“(B) In complying with subparagraph (A), such research facilities shall provide—

“(i) information on procedures likely to produce pain or distress in any animal and assurances demonstrating that the principal investigator considered alternatives to those procedures;

“(ii) assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that such facility is adhering to the standards described in this section; and

“(iii) an explanation for any deviation from the standards promulgated under this section.

“(8) Paragraph (1) shall not prohibit any State (or a political subdivision of such State) from promulgating standards in addition to those standards promulgated by the Secretary under paragraph (1).”

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(c) Section 13 of such Act is further amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsections:

Ante, p. 1645.

“(b)(1) The Secretary shall require that each research facility establish at least one Committee. Each Committee shall be appointed by the chief executive officer of each such research facility and shall be composed of not fewer than three members. Such members shall possess sufficient ability to assess animal care, treatment, and practices in experimental research as determined by the needs of the research facility and shall represent society's concerns regarding the welfare of animal subjects used at such facility. Of the members of the Committee—

“(A) at least one member shall be a doctor of veterinary medicine;

“(B) at least one member—

“(i) shall not be affiliated in any way with such facility other than as a member of the Committee;

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“(ii) shall not be a member of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with such facility; and

“(iii) is intended to provide representation for general community interests in the proper care and treatment of animals; and

“(C) in those cases where the Committee consists of more than three members, not more than three members shall be from the same administrative unit of such facility.

“(2) A quorum shall be required for all formal actions of the Committee, including inspections under paragraph (3).

“(3) The Committee shall inspect at least semiannually all animal study areas and animal facilities of such research facility and review as part of the inspection—

“(A) practices involving pain to animals, and

“(B) the condition of animals,

to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act to minimize pain and distress to animals. Exceptions to the requirement of inspection of such study areas may be made by the Secretary if animals are studied in their natural environment and the study area is prohibitive to easy access.

“(4)(A) The Committee shall file an inspection certification report of each inspection at the research facility. Such report shall—

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“(i) be signed by a majority of the Committee members involved in the inspection;

“(ii) include reports of any violation of the standards promulgated, or assurances required, by the Secretary, including any deficient conditions of animal care or treatment, any deviations

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of research practices from originally approved proposals that adversely affect animal welfare, any notification to the facility regarding such conditions, and any corrections made thereafter;

"(iii) include any minority views of the Committee; and

"(iv) include any other information pertinent to the activities of the Committee.

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"(B) Such report shall remain on file for at least three years at the research facility and shall be available for inspection by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and any funding Federal agency.

"(C) In order to give the research facility an opportunity to correct any deficiencies or deviations discovered by reason of paragraph (3), the Committee shall notify the administrative representative of the research facility of any deficiencies or deviations from the provisions of this Act. If, after notification and an opportunity for correction, such deficiencies or deviations remain uncorrected, the Committee shall notify (in writing) the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the funding Federal agency of such deficiencies or deviations.

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"(5) The inspection results shall be available to Department of Agriculture inspectors for review during inspections. Department of Agriculture inspectors shall forward any Committee inspection records which include reports of uncorrected deficiencies or deviations to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and any funding Federal agency of the project with respect to which such uncorrected deficiencies and deviations occurred.

"(c) In the case of Federal research facilities, a Federal Committee shall be established and shall have the same composition and responsibilities provided in subsection (b), except that the Federal Committee shall report deficiencies or deviations to the head of the Federal agency conducting the research rather than to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The head of the Federal agency conducting the research shall be responsible for—

"(1) all corrective action to be taken at the facility; and

"(2) the granting of all exceptions to inspection protocol.

"(d) Each research facility shall provide for the training of scientists, animal technicians, and other personnel involved with animal care and treatment in such facility as required by the Secretary. Such training shall include instruction on—

"(1) the humane practice of animal maintenance and experimentation;

"(2) research or testing methods that minimize or eliminate the use of animals or limit animal pain or distress;

"(3) utilization of the information service at the National Agricultural Library, established under subsection (e); and

"(4) methods whereby deficiencies in animal care and treatment should be reported.

"(e) The Secretary shall establish an information service at the National Agricultural Library. Such service shall, in cooperation with the National Library of Medicine, provide information—

"(1) pertinent to employee training;

"(2) which could prevent unintended duplication of animal experimentation as determined by the needs of the research facility; and

"(3) on improved methods of animal experimentation, including methods which could—

"(A) reduce or replace animal use; and

“(B) minimize pain and distress to animals, such as anesthetic and analgesic procedures.

“(f) In any case in which a Federal agency funding a research project determines that conditions of animal care, treatment, or practice in a particular project have not been in compliance with standards promulgated under this Act, despite notification by the Secretary or such Federal agency to the research facility and an opportunity for correction, such agency shall suspend or revoke Federal support for the project. Any research facility losing Federal support as a result of actions taken under the preceding sentence shall have the right of appeal as provided in sections 701 through 706 of title 5, United States Code.”.

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SEC. 1753. Section 16(a) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2146(a)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: “The Secretary shall inspect each research facility at least once each year and, in the case of deficiencies or deviations from the standards promulgated under this Act, shall conduct such follow-up inspections as may be necessary until all deficiencies or deviations from such standards are corrected.”.

PENALTY FOR RELEASE OF TRADE SECRETS

SEC. 1754. The Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131-2156) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following section: 7 USC 2157.

“SEC. 27. (a) It shall be unlawful for any member of an Institutional Animal Committee to release any confidential information of the research facility including any information that concerns or relates to—

“(1) the trade secrets, processes, operations, style of work, or apparatus; or

“(2) the identity, confidential statistical data, amount or source of any income, profits, losses, or expenditures, of the research facility.

“(b) It shall be unlawful for any member of such Committee—

“(1) to use or attempt to use to his advantages; or

“(2) to reveal to any other person,

any information which is entitled to protection as confidential information under subsection (a).

“(c) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) is punishable by—

“(1) removal from such Committee; and

“(2)(A) a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment of not more than one year; or

“(B) if such violation is willful, a fine of not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment of not more than three years.

“(d) Any person, including any research facility, injured in its business or property by reason of a violation of this section may recover all actual and consequential damages sustained by such person and the cost of the suit including a reasonable attorney’s fee.

“(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any other rights of a person injured in its business or property by reason of a violation of this section. Subsection (d) shall not be construed to limit the exercise of any such rights arising out of or relating to a violation of subsections (a) and (b).”.

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INCREASED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ACT

SEC. 1755. (a) Subsection (b) of section 19 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2149(b)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence by striking out “\$1,000 for each such violation” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$2,500 for each such violation”; and

(2) in the sixth sentence by striking out “\$500 for each offense” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$1,500 for each offense”.

(b) Subsection (d) of such section is amended by striking out “\$1,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$2,500”.

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 1756. (a) Section 2 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2132) is amended by—

(1) striking out “and” after the semicolon in subsection (i);

(2) striking out the period at the end of subsection (j) and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon; and

(3) adding after subsection (j) the following new subsections:

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“(k) The term ‘Federal agency’ means an Executive agency as such term is defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, and with respect to any research facility means the agency from which the research facility receives a Federal award for the conduct of research, experimentation, or testing, involving the use of animals;

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“(l) The term ‘Federal award for the conduct of research, experimentation, or testing, involving the use of animals’ means any mechanism (including a grant, award, loan, contract, or cooperative agreement) under which Federal funds are provided to support the conduct of such research.

“(m) The term ‘quorum’ means a majority of the Committee members;

Ante, p. 1647.

“(n) The term ‘Committee’ means the Institutional Animal Committee established under section 13(b); and

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“(o) The term ‘Federal research facility’ means each department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States which uses live animals for research or experimentation.”.

7 USC 2131 note.

(b) For purposes of this Act, the term “animal” shall have the same meaning as defined in section 2(g) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2132(g)).

CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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SEC. 1757. Section 15(a) of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2145(a)) is amended by adding after the first sentence the following: “The Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services prior to issuance of regulations.”.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENT

SEC. 1758. Section 14 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2144) is amended by changing “section 13” to “sections 13 (a), (f), (g), and (h)” wherever it appears.

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7 USC 2131 note.

SEC. 1759. This subtitle shall take effect 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle G—Miscellaneous

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION STORAGE CONTRACTS

SEC. 1761. Section 4(h) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714b(h)) is amended by inserting, after the colon at the end of the second proviso, the following: "*And provided further*, That any contract entered into by the Corporation for the use of a storage facility shall provide at least that (1) the rental rate charged for an extended term in excess of one year shall be at an annual rate less than that which is charged for a one-year contract, (2) any obligation of the Corporation to pay for the use of any space in a facility shall be relieved to the extent that the Corporation does not use the space and payment is made by another person for the use of such space, and (3) if the Corporation determines that it no longer needs the space reserved in the facility, the Corporation may be relieved, for the remaining term of the contract, of its obligations to an extent and in a manner that will provide significant savings to the Corporation while permitting the owner of the facility reasonable time to lease such space to another person:".

Ante, p. 1503.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE INFORMATION IN AGRICULTURE

SEC. 1762. (a) Congress finds that—

15 USC 313 note.

(1) agricultural and silvicultural operations are vulnerable to damage from atmospheric conditions that accurate and timely reporting of weather information can help prevent;

(2) the maintenance of current weather and climate analysis and information dissemination systems, and Federal, State, and private efforts to improve these systems, is essential if agriculture and silviculture are to mitigate damage from atmospheric conditions;

(3) agricultural and silvicultural weather services at the Federal level should be maintained with joint planning between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Agriculture; and

(4) efforts should be made, involving user groups, weather and climate information providers, and Federal and State governments, to expand the use of weather and climate information in agriculture and silviculture.

(b) It, therefore, is declared to be the policy of Congress that it is in the public interest to maintain an active Federal involvement in providing agricultural and silvicultural weather and climate information and that efforts should be made, among users of this information and among private providers of this information, to improve use of this information.

EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM

SEC. 1763. (a) Paragraph (2) of section 1105(b) of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2267(b)) is amended by striking out "feed for such person's livestock" and inserting in lieu thereof "feed that has adequate nutritive value and is suitable for each of such person's respective particular types of livestock".

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(b) Section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1427) is amended by inserting after the fifth sentence the following new sentence: "Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section relating to the authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation to

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Ante, pp. 1418,
1452.

make available to certain persons in certain areas during emergencies feed for livestock, the Commodity Credit Corporation (1) may make such feed available to such persons in areas in which feed grains are normally produced and normally available for feed purposes, but in which they are unavailable because of a catastrophe described in the fourth sentence of this section, (2) may make such feed available to such persons through feed dealers in the areas, (3) shall make such feed available at a price not less than the price prescribed in the fourth sentence of this section, and (4) shall bear any expenses incurred in connection with making such feed available to such persons under this sentence, including transportation and handling costs.”.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRODUCTION CONTROL

- 21 USC 881a. SEC. 1764. (a) As used in this section:
- 21 USC 802. (1) The term “controlled substance” has the same meaning given such term in section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801(6)).
- (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.
- (3) The term “State” means each of the fifty States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands of the United States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, following the date of enactment of this Act, any person who is convicted under Federal or State law of planting, cultivation, growing, producing, harvesting, or storing a controlled substance in any crop year shall be ineligible for—
- (1) as to any commodity produced during that crop year, and the four succeeding crop years, by such person—
- (A) any price support or payment made available under the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.), the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), or any other Act;
- (B) a farm storage facility loan made under section 4(h) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714b(h));
- (C) crop insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.);
- (D) a disaster payment made under the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.); or
- (E) a loan made, insured or guaranteed under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) or any other provision of law administered by the Farmers Home Administration; or
- (2) a payment made under section 4 or 5 of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714b or 714c) for the storage of an agricultural commodity that is—
- (A) produced during that crop year, or any of the four succeeding crop years, by such person; and
- (B) acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation.
- Regulations. (c) Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue such regulations as the Secretary determines are necessary to carry out this section, including regulations that—
- Loan. Ante, pp. 1503, 1651.
- Disaster assistance.

- (1) define the term "person";
- (2) govern the determination of persons who shall be ineligible for program benefits under this section; and
- (3) protect the interests of tenants and sharecroppers.

STUDY OF UNLEADED FUEL IN AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

SEC. 1765. (a)(1) The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly conduct a study of the use of fuel containing lead additives, and alternative lubricating additives, in gasoline engines that are—

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- (A) used in agricultural machinery; and
- (B) designed to combust fuel containing such additives.

(2) The study shall analyze the potential for mechanical problems (including but not limited to valve recession) that may be associated with the use of other fuels in such engines.

(b)(1) For purposes of the study required under this section, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Agriculture are authorized to enter into such contracts and other arrangements as may be appropriate to obtain the necessary technical information.

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(2) The Secretary of Agriculture shall specify the types and items of agricultural machinery to be included in the study required under this section. Such types and items shall be representative of the types and items of agricultural machinery used on farms in the United States.

(3) All testing of engines carried out for purposes of such study shall reflect actual agricultural conditions to the extent practicable, including revolutions per minute and payloads.

(c) Not later than January 1, 1987—

(1) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Agriculture shall publish the results of the study required under this section; and

(2) the Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register notice of the publication of such study and a summary thereof.

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(d)(1) After notice and opportunity for hearing, but not later than 6 months after publication of the study, the Administrator shall—

(A) make findings and recommendations on the need for lead additives in gasoline to be used on a farm for farming purposes, including a determination of whether a modification of the regulations limiting lead content of gasoline would be appropriate in the case of gasoline used on a farm for farming purposes; and

(B) submit to the President and Congress a report containing—

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(i) the study;

(ii) a summary of the comments received during the public hearing (including the comments of the Secretary); and

(iii) the findings and recommendations of the Administrator made in accordance with clause (1).

(2) The report shall be transmitted to—

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(A) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate.

(e)(1) Between January 1, 1986, and December 31, 1987, the Administrator shall monitor the actual lead content of leaded gasoline sold in the United States.

(2) The Administrator shall determine the average lead content of such gasoline for each 3-month period between January 1, 1986, and December 31, 1987.

(3) If the actual lead content falls below an average of 0.2 of a gram of lead per gallon in any such 3-month period, the Administrator shall—

(A) report to Congress; and

(B) publish a notice thereof in the Federal Register.

(f) Until January 1, 1988, no regulation of the Administrator issued under section 211 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545) regarding the control or prohibition of lead additives in gasoline may require an average lead content per gallon that is less than 0.1 of a gram per gallon.

(g) To carry out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000, to be available without fiscal year limitation.

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POTATO ADVISORY COMMISSION

SEC. 1767. It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Secretary of Agriculture should consider the recommendations of the potato advisory commission established by the Secretary on an ad hoc basis;

(2) such commission should address industry concerns including trade, quality inspections, and pesticide use, to the extent practicable;

(3) such commission should meet periodically; and

(4) the recommendations and actions of such committee should be reported to the Chairmen of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and to the public.

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VIRUSES, SERUMS, TOXINS, AND ANALAGOUS PRODUCTS

SEC. 1768. (a) The first sentence of the eighth paragraph of the matter under the heading "BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY" of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen", approved March 4, 1913 (21 U.S.C. 151), is amended by striking out "from one State or Territory or the District of Columbia to any other State or Territory or the District of Columbia" and inserting in lieu thereof "in or from the United States, the District of Columbia, any territory of the United States, or any place under the jurisdiction of the United States".

(b) The fourth sentence of such paragraph (21 U.S.C. 154) is amended by inserting "or otherwise to carry out this paragraph," after "animals," the first place it appears.

(c) Such paragraph is amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following new sentences: "In order to meet an emergency condition, limited market or local situation, or other special

21 USC 154a.

circumstance (including production solely for intrastate use under a State-operated program), the Secretary may issue a special license under an expedited procedure on such conditions as are necessary to assure purity, safety, and a reasonable expectation of efficacy. The Secretary shall exempt by regulation from the requirement of preparation pursuant to an unsuspended and unrevoked license any virus, serum, toxin, or analogous product prepared by any person, firm, or corporation—

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“(1) solely for administration to animals of such person, firm, or corporation;

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“(2) solely for administration to animals under a veterinarian-client-patient relationship in the course of the State licensed professional practice of veterinary medicine by such person, firm, or corporation; or

“(3) solely for distribution within the State of production pursuant to a license granted by such State under a program determined by the Secretary to meet criteria under which the State—

“(A) may license virus, serum, toxin, and analogous products and establishments that produce such products;

“(B) may review the purity, safety, potency, and efficacy of such products prior to licensure;

“(C) may review product test results to assure compliance with applicable standards for purity, safety, and potency, prior to release to the market;

“(D) may deal effectively with violations of State law regulating virus, serum, toxin, and analogous products; and

“(E) exercises the authority referred to in subclauses (A) through (D) consistent with the intent of this paragraph of prohibiting the preparation, sale, barter, exchange, or shipment of worthless, contaminated, dangerous, or harmful virus, serum, toxin, or analogous products.”

(d) The seventh sentence of such paragraph (21 U.S.C. 157) (as it existed before the amendments made by this section) is amended by striking out “licensed under this Act”.

(e) Such paragraph is amended by inserting after the eighth sentence (21 U.S.C. 158) (as it existed before the amendments made by this section) the following new sentences: “The procedures of sections 402, 403, and 404 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 672, 673, and 674) (relating to detentions, seizures and condemnations, and injunctions, respectively) shall apply to the enforcement of this paragraph with respect to any product prepared, sold, bartered, exchanged, or shipped in violation of this paragraph or a regulation promulgated under this paragraph. The provisions (including penalties) of section 405 of such Act (21 U.S.C. 675) shall apply to the performance of official duties under this paragraph. Congress finds that (i) the products and activities that are regulated under this paragraph are either in interstate or foreign commerce or substantially affect such commerce or the free flow thereof, and (ii) regulation of the products and activities as provided in this paragraph is necessary to prevent and eliminate burdens on such commerce and to effectively regulate such commerce.”

21 USC 159.

(f)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall become effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

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21 USC 151 note.

(2)(A) Subject to subparagraphs (B) through (D), in the case of a person, firm, or corporation preparing, selling, bartering, exchanging,

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- ing, or shipping a virus, serum, toxin, or analogous product during the 12-month period ending on the date of enactment of this Act solely for intrastate commerce or for exportation, such product shall not after such date of enactment, as a result of its not having been licensed or produced in a licensed establishment, be considered in violation of the eighth paragraph of the matter under the heading "BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY" of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen", approved March 14, 1913 (as amended by this section), until the first day of the 49th month following the date of enactment of this Act.
- Ante*, p. 1654. (B) The exemption granted by subparagraph (A) may be extended by the Secretary of Agriculture for a period up to 12 months in an individual case on a showing by a person, firm, or corporation of good cause and a good faith effort to comply with such eighth paragraph with due diligence.
- Corporation. (C) The exemption granted by subparagraph (A) must be claimed by the person, firm, or corporation preparing such product by the first day of the 13th month following the date of enactment of this Act, in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary, unless the Secretary grants an extension of the time to claim such exemption in an individual case for good cause shown.
- Corporation. (D) On the issuance by the Secretary of a license to such person, firm, or corporation for such product prior to the first day of the 49th month following the date of enactment of this Act, or the end of an extension of the exemption granted by the Secretary, the exemption granted by subparagraph (A) shall terminate with respect to such product.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FEDERAL INSECTICIDE,
FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT

SEC. 1768. Section 31 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136y) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 31. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act for the period beginning October 1, 1985, and ending September 30, 1986, \$68,604,200 of which not more than \$11,993,100 shall be available for research under this Act.”.

USER FEES FOR REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOFTWARE

SEC. 1769. Section 1121 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 2242a) is amended to read as follows:

“USER FEES FOR REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOFTWARE

- “SEC. 1121. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture may—
- Reports*. “(1) furnish, on request, copies of software programs, pamphlets, reports, or other publications, regardless of their form, including electronic publications, prepared in the Department of Agriculture in carrying out any of its missions or programs; and
- “(2) charge such fees therefor as the Secretary determines are reasonable.
- “(b) The imposition of such charges shall be consistent with section 9701 of title 31, United States Code.

“(c) All moneys received in payment for work or services performed, or for software programs, pamphlets, reports, or other publications provided, under this section—

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“(1) shall be available until expended to pay directly the costs of such work, services, software programs, pamphlets, reports, or publications; and

“(2) may be credited to appropriations or funds that incur such costs.”.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

SEC. 1770. (a) In the case of information furnished under a provision of law referred to in subsection (d), neither the Secretary of Agriculture, any other officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture or agency thereof, nor any other person may—

7 USC 2276.

(1) use such information for a purpose other than the development or reporting of aggregate data in a manner such that the identity of the person who supplied such information is not discernible and is not material to the intended uses of such information; or

(2) disclose such information to the public, unless such information has been transformed into a statistical or aggregate form that does not allow the identification of the person who supplied particular information.

(b)(1) In carrying out a provision of law referred to in subsection (d), no department, agency, officer, or employee of the Federal Government, other than the Secretary of Agriculture, shall require a person to furnish a copy of statistical information provided to the Department of Agriculture.

(2) A copy of such information—

(A) shall be immune from mandatory disclosure of any type, including legal process; and

(B) shall not, without the consent of such person, be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action, suit, or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

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(c) Any person who shall publish, cause to be published, or otherwise publicly release information collected pursuant to a provision of law referred to in subsection (d), in any manner or for any purpose prohibited in section (a), shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.

(d) For purposes of this section, a provision of law referred to in this subsection means—

(1) the first section of the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton”, approved March 3, 1927 (7 U.S.C. 471) (commonly referred to as the “Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act”);

(2) the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco by the Department of Agriculture”, approved January 14, 1929 (7 U.S.C. 501);

(3) the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of peanuts by the Department of Agriculture”, approved June 24, 1936 (7 U.S.C. 951);

(4) section 203(g) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(g));

- (5) section 526(a) of the Revised Statutes (7 U.S.C. 2204(a));
- (6) the Act entitled "An Act providing for the publication of statistics relating to spirits of turpentine and resin", approved August 15, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 2248);
- (7) section 42 of title 13, United States Code;
- (8) section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Department of Commerce and Labor", approved February 14, 1903 (15 U.S.C. 1516); or
- (9) section 2 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution relating to the publication of economic and social statistics for Americans of Spanish origin or descent", approved June 16, 1976 (15 U.S.C. 1516a).

LAND CONVEYANCE TO IRWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

SEC. 1771. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Board of Education of Irwin County, Georgia, its successors and assigns, a quitclaim deed conveying and releasing unto the said Board of Education of Irwin County, Georgia, its successors and assigns, all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to a tract of land, situate in said Irwin County, Georgia, containing 0.303 acres together with improvements in Land Lot Number 39 in the 3rd Land District of Irwin County, Georgia, being more particularly described in a deed dated July 13, 1946, from the United States conveying said land to Irwin County Board of Education, recorded in the land records of the office of the Clerk of Court for Irwin County, Georgia, in deed book 20, page 117.

NATIONAL TREE SEED LABORATORY

16 USC 580q.

SEC. 1772. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, fees received by the National Tree Seed Laboratory, administered by the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, for the provision of a tree seed testing service, shall be retained and deposited as a reimbursement to current appropriations used to cover the costs of providing such service.

CONTROL OF GRASSHOPPERS AND MORMON CRICKETS ON FEDERAL LANDS

7 USC 148f.

SEC. 1773. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall carry out a program to control grasshoppers and Mormon Crickets on all Federal lands.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Agriculture shall expend or transfer, and upon request, the Secretary of the Interior shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture, from any no-year appropriations, funds for the prevention, suppression, and control of actual or potential grasshopper and Mormon Cricket outbreaks on lands under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

(2)(A) Appropriated funds made available to the Secretary of the Interior shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred on Federal lands subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

(B) Funds transferred pursuant to this paragraph shall be requested as promptly as possible by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(C) Funds transferred pursuant to this section shall be replenished by supplemental or regular appropriations which shall be requested as promptly as possible.

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), from any funds made available to the Department of the Interior until expended, moneys shall be made available for the transfer by the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for the prevention, suppression, and control of grasshoppers and Mormon Cricket outbreaks on Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) No funds shall be made available under this authority, until contingency funds specifically available to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for grasshopper emergencies have been exhausted.

Prohibition.

(d) On request of the administering agency or the Department of Agriculture of an affected State, the Secretary of Agriculture shall immediately treat Federal, State, or private lands that are infested by grasshoppers or Mormon Crickets at levels of economic infestation, unless the Secretary determines that delaying treatment will optimize biological control and not cause greater economic damage to adjacent landowners.

(e) The Secretary of Agriculture shall—

(1) pay out of appropriated funds made available to the Secretary or transferred to the Secretary by the Secretary of the Interior—100 percent of the cost of grasshopper or Mormon Cricket control on Federal lands;

(2) pay out of appropriated funds made available to the Secretary—

(A) 50 percent of the cost of such control on State lands; and

(B) 33.3 percent of the cost of such control on private rangelands; and

(3) participate in prevention, control, or suppression programs for grasshoppers and Mormon Crickets in conjunction with other Federal, State and private prevention, control or suppression efforts.

(f) From appropriated funds made available or transferred by the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for such purposes, the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide adequate funding for a program to train personnel to effectively accomplish the objective of this section.

STUDY OF A STRATEGIC ETHANOL RESERVE

SEC. 1778. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture shall conduct a study of the cost effectiveness, the economic benefits, and the feasibility of establishing, maintaining, and utilizing a Strategic Ethanol Reserve relative to the existing Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

42 USC 6231
note.

(b) The study shall be completed within one year after the enactment of this section and shall include, among other considerations—

(1) the benefits and losses related to the U.S. economy, farm income, employment, government commodity programs, and the trade deficit of utilizing a Strategic Ethanol Reserve, as opposed to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; and

(2) the savings from storing ethanol as opposed to storing the amount of CCC-held grain necessary to produce the ethanol.

(c) If the study shows that the Strategic Ethanol Reserve is cost effective, beneficial to the U.S. economy, and feasible in comparison with the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the Secretary of Agriculture may establish, maintain, and utilize a Strategic Ethanol Reserve.

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TITLE XVIII—GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE

EFFECTIVE DATE

7 USC 1281 note.

SEC. 1801. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall become effective on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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