

HR 3998

To provide farm debt and program relief to African-American farmers who suffered discrimination in the administration of Department of Agriculture farm credit programs and other agriculture programs, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Agriculture and Food

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 17, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Agriculture and Food

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5575	Related bill	Jun 9, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
109 HR 4398	Related bill	Feb 6, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

Summary (as of Oct 6, 2005)

Forgives all indebtedness, in connection with all farm operating loan program debt agreements entered into with the Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and requires payment of the minimum relief raised in the combined cases Pigford et al. v. Glickman and Brewington et al v. Glickman, with respect to each African-American farmer who: (1) was an "actual farmer" during the period beginning on January 1, 1981, and extending through December 30, 1996; and (2) applied for, but failed to receive, farm credit program debt relief pursuant to specified federal law or through the Black Farmer Settlement as authorized by the previously mentioned cases.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 17, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
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