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110 S 163	Related bill	Sep 4, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
110 HRES 574	Procedurally related	Jul 26, 2007: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 - **Title I: Commodity Programs** - (Sec. 1001) Defines specified terms.

Subtitle A: Direct Payments and Counter-Cyclical Payments - (Sec. 1101) Directs the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to adjust base acres for covered commodities for a farm whenever: (1) a conservation reserve contract expires or is voluntarily terminated; (2) cropland is released from coverage under a conservation reserve contract; or (3) the producer has eligible pulse crop or oilseed acreage.

Requires election of either direct payments and counter-cyclical payments or conservation payments if the base adjustment is made due to a change in status of a conservation reserve contract.

Requires a reduction in base acres if the sum of base acres and other specified acreage exceeds the actual cropland acreage on the farm.

Allows an owner to permanently reduce farm base acres at any time.

Prohibits a producer from receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments if a farm's base acreage is 10 acres or less unless the farm is owned by a socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmer or rancher.

(Sec. 1102) Provides for the establishment of a payment yield for any designated oilseed or eligible pulse crop for direct payment and counter-cyclical payment purposes.

(Sec. 1103) Establishes 2008-2012 payment rates as follows: (1) wheat, \$0.52 per bushel; (2) corn, \$0.28 per bushel; (3) grain sorghum, \$0.35 per bushel; (4) barley, \$0.24 per bushel; (5) oats, \$0.024 per bushel; (6) upland cotton, \$0.0667 per pound; (7) long grain rice, \$2.35 per hundredweight; (8) medium grain rice, \$2.35 per hundredweight; (9) soybeans, \$0.44 per bushel; and (10) other oilseeds, \$0.80 per hundredweight.

Specifies a covered commodity's payment amount as the product of the payment rate, payment acres, and payment yield.

Requires that direct payments shall be made not before October 1 of the calendar year in which the crop is harvested for each of the 2008-2012 crop years.

Authorizes advance direct payments of up to 22% of the direct payments at the option of the producer for each of the 2008-2011 crop years. Requires repayment under certain circumstances.

(Sec. 1104) Requires that counter-cyclical payments for covered commodities be made for each of the 2008-2012 crop years if the commodity's effective price is less than its target price. Sets forth effective price provisions for: (1) rice; and (2) other commodities.

Establishes 2008 target prices as follows: (1) wheat, \$3.92 per bushel; (2) corn, \$2.63 per bushel; (3) grain sorghum, \$2.57 per bushel; (4) barley, \$2.24 per bushel; (5) oats, \$1.44 per bushel; (6) upland cotton, \$0.7125 per pound; (7) long grain rice, \$10.50 per hundredweight; (8) medium grain rice, \$10.50 per hundredweight; (9) soybeans, \$5.80 per bushel; and (10) other oilseeds, \$10.10 per hundredweight.

Establishes 2009 target prices as follows: (1) wheat, \$3.92 per bushel; (2) corn, \$2.63 per bushel; (3) grain sorghum,

\$2.57 per bushel; (4) barley, \$2.24 per bushel; (5) oats, \$1.44 per bushel; (6) upland cotton, \$0.7125 per pound; (7) long grain rice, \$10.50 per hundredweight; (8) medium grain rice, \$10.50 per hundredweight; (9) soybeans, \$5.80 per bushel; (10) other oilseeds, \$10.10 per hundredweight; (11) dry peas, \$8.32 per hundredweight; (12) lentils, \$12.81 per hundredweight; (13) small chickpeas, \$10.36 per hundredweight; and (14) large chickpeas, \$12.81 per hundredweight.

Establishes 2010-2012 target prices as follows: (1) wheat, \$4.17 per bushel; (2) corn, \$2.63 per bushel; (3) grain sorghum, \$2.63 per bushel; (4) barley, \$2.63 per bushel; (5) oats, \$1.79 per bushel; (6) upland cotton, \$0.7125 per pound; (7) long grain rice, \$10.50 per hundredweight; (8) medium grain rice, \$10.50 per hundredweight; (9) soybeans, \$6.00 per bushel; (10) other oilseeds, \$12.68 per hundredweight; (11) dry peas, \$8.32 per hundredweight; (12) lentils, \$12.81 per hundredweight; (13) small chickpeas, \$10.36 per hundredweight; and (14) large chickpeas, \$12.81 per hundredweight.

Specifies a covered commodity's counter-cyclical payment amount as the product of the payment rate, payment acres, and payment yield.

Requires that payments be made beginning October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, after the end of the covered commodity's marketing year.

Authorizes: (1) partial payments for the 2008-2010 crops of up to 40% of the projected counter-cyclical payment after completion of the first 180 days of the covered commodity's marketing year; and (2) producers to elect to receive partial payments at any time but not later than 60 days prior to the end of the marketing year. Requires repayment under certain circumstances.

(Sec. 1105) Establishes as an alternative to receiving counter-cyclical payments the average crop revenue election (ACRE) program under which an electing covered commodity or peanut producer will forgo 20% of the direct payment rate and 30% of the marketing assistance loan rates for the 2009-2012 crop years in exchange for ACRE payments.

Provides that: (1) ACRE participants will be eligible for state-based coverage with a revenue guarantee equal to 90% of the five-year state average yield per planted acre times the two-year national average price for a covered commodity; (2) the guarantee cannot vary by more than 10% from the previous year's guarantee; (3) if the actual state revenue is less than the revenue guarantee for a producer suffering a farm loss such producer will receive an ACRE payment equal to the difference between the revenue guarantee and the actual revenue of up to 25% of the revenue guarantee; and (4) ACRE payments shall be made on 83.3% of the acreage planted or considered planted for the 2009-2011 crop years, and on and 85% for crop year 2012.

(Sec. 1106) Requires producer compliance with specified conservation-related requirements in order to qualify for direct, counter-cyclical, or ACRE payments.

(Sec. 1107) Provides for base acre crop flexibility with limitations for trees, perennial plants, fruits, vegetables (other than mung beans and pulse crops), and wild rice in areas without planting histories of such crops.

Directs the Secretary to carry out a pilot project for crop years 2009-2012 to permit the planting of cucumbers, green peas, lima beans, pumpkins, snap beans, sweet corn, and tomatoes in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

(Sec. 1108) Apportions long grain and medium grain rice counter-cyclical payment base acres on a specific time period.

(Sec. 1109) States that this subtitle shall be effective for crop years 2008-2012.

Subtitle B: Marketing Assistance Loans and Deficiency Payments - (Sec. 1201) Directs the Secretary to make nonrecourse marketing assistance loans available for crop years 2008-2012 for each loan commodity. Requires producer compliance with conservation and wetlands requirements as a condition of loan receipt.

(Sec. 1202) Establishes 2008 loan rates as follows: (1) wheat, \$2.75 per bushel; (2) corn, \$1.95 per bushel; (3) grain sorghum, \$1.95 per bushel; (4) barley, \$1.85 per bushel; (5) oats, \$1.33 per bushel; (6) upland cotton, \$0.52 per pound; (7) extra long staple cotton, \$0.7977 per pound; (8) long grain rice, \$6.50 per hundredweight; (9) medium grain rice, \$6.50 per hundredweight; (10) soybeans, \$5.00 per bushel; (11) sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe, sesame seed, and other oilseeds, \$9.30 per hundredweight; (12) dry peas, \$6.22 per hundredweight; (13) lentils, \$11.72 per hundredweight; (14) small chickpeas, \$7.43 per hundredweight; (15) graded wool, \$1.00 per pound; (16) nongraded wool, \$0.40 per pound; (17) mohair, \$4.20 per pound; and (18) honey, \$0.60 per pound.

Establishes 2009 loan rates as follows: (1) wheat, \$2.75 per bushel; (2) corn, \$1.95 per bushel; (3) grain sorghum, \$1.95 per bushel; (4) barley, \$1.85 per bushel; (5) oats, \$1.33 per bushel; (6) upland cotton, \$0.52 per pound; (7) extra long staple cotton, \$0.7977 per pound; (8) long grain rice, \$6.50 per hundredweight; (9) medium grain rice, \$6.50 per hundredweight; (10) soybeans, \$5.00 per bushel; (11) sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe, sesame seed, and other oilseeds, \$9.30 per hundredweight; (12) dry peas, \$5.40 per hundredweight; (13) lentils, \$11.28 per hundredweight; (14) small chickpeas, \$7.43 per hundredweight; (15) large chickpeas, \$11.28 per hundredweight; (16) graded wool, \$1.00 per pound; (17) nongraded wool, \$0.40 per pound; (18) mohair, \$4.20 per pound; and (19) honey, \$0.60 per pound.

Establishes 2010-2012 loan rates as follows: (1) wheat, \$2.94 per bushel; (2) corn, \$1.95 per bushel; (3) grain sorghum, \$1.95 per bushel; (4) barley, \$1.95 per bushel; (5) oats, \$1.39 per bushel; (6) upland cotton, \$0.52 per pound; (7) extra long staple cotton, \$0.7977 per pound; (8) long grain rice, \$6.50 per hundredweight; (9) medium grain rice, \$6.50 per hundredweight; (10) soybeans, \$5.00 per bushel; (11) sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed, crambe, sesame seed, and other oilseeds, \$10.09 per hundredweight; (12) dry peas, \$5.40 per hundredweight; (13) lentils, \$11.28 per hundredweight; (14) small chickpeas, \$7.43 per hundredweight; (15) large chickpeas, \$11.28 per hundredweight; (16) graded wool, \$1.15 per pound; (17) nongraded wool, \$0.40 per pound; (18) mohair, \$4.20 per pound, and honey, \$0.69 per pound.

Directs the Secretary to establish a single county loan rate for each kind of other oilseed.

(Sec. 1203) States that a marketing assistance loan shall have a nine-month non-extendable term.

(Sec. 1204) Sets forth loan provisions for: (1) loan commodities (other than upland cotton, long grain rice, medium grain rice, extra long staple cotton, and confectionery and each other kind of sunflower seed (other than oil sunflower seed)); (2) upland cotton, long grain rice, and medium grain rice; (3) extra long staple cotton; and (4) confectionery and other kinds of sunflower seeds.

Directs the Secretary to prescribe formulas to determine the prevailing world market price for upland cotton, long grain rice, and medium grain rice.

Provides for adjustment of prevailing world market prices for upland cotton.

Extends cotton storage payments.

Authorizes temporary repayment rate adjustments.

(Sec. 1205) Authorizes the Secretary to make loan deficiency payments to producers who: (1) agree to forgo obtaining a marketing loan for an eligible commodity; and (2) produce unshorn pelts or hay or silage derived from a loan commodity for crop years 2008-2012.

Sets forth payment rates.

Excludes extra long staple cotton from the provisions of this section.

(Sec. 1206) Directs the Secretary to make payments in lieu of deficiency payments to producers electing to use wheat, barley, oat, or triticale acreage for livestock grazing for crop years 2008-2012.

Makes such acreage ineligible for crop insurance indemnity or noninsured crop assistance coverage.

(Sec. 1207) Provides for special import quotas through July 31, 2013, and limited global import quotas for upland cotton based upon specified price conditions.

Directs the Secretary to provide monthly adjustment assistance (\$.04 per pound from August 1, 2008-July 31, 2012; \$.03 per pound beginning on August 1, 2012) to domestic users of upland cotton during the previous monthly period regardless of such cotton's origin. Requires that such assistance be used for acquisition, construction, installation, modernization, conversion, or expansion of land, plant, buildings, equipment, facilities, or machinery.

(Sec. 1208) Directs the Secretary, through July 31, 2013, to make payments to domestic users and exporters of U.S.-produced extra long staple cotton to expand such cotton's domestic use and exports.

(Sec. 1209) Makes recourse loans available for crop years 2008-2012 for: (1) high moisture feed grains (corn and grain sorghum with high moisture content); and (2) seed cotton.

(Sec. 1210) Authorizes the Secretary to make loan rate adjustments for: (1) any loan commodity (other than cotton) for differences in grade, type, quality, and location; (2) cotton for differences in quality; (3) corn and grain sorghum for grade, type, and quality; and (4) long grain rice and medium grain rice, except for differences in grade and quality.

Subtitle C: Peanuts - (Sec. 1301) Defines specified terms.

(Sec. 1302) Directs the Secretary to adjust the base acres of peanuts whenever: (1) a conservation reserve contract expires or is voluntarily terminated; (2) cropland is released from coverage under a conservation reserve contract; (3) the producer has eligible pulse crop or carmelina acreage; or (4) the producer has certain additional oilseed acreage.

Directs the Secretary, with an exception for double-cropped acreage, to reduce the peanut base acreage or other commodity acreage when the sum of a farm's base acres for peanuts and other acreage (as defined in this section) exceeds the farm's cropland acreage.

Authorizes a farm's owner to permanently reduce the peanut base acreage at any time.

Prohibits a producer from receiving direct, counter-cyclical, or ACRE payments if the sum of the farm's base acreage is 10 acres or less unless the farm is owned by a socially disadvantaged or limited resource farmer or rancher.

(Sec. 1303) Directs the Secretary to make direct payments of \$36 per ton for peanuts for crop years 2008-2012 on farms

with an established payment yield and base acres.

Sets forth provisions respecting: (1) payment rate; (2) payment amount; and (3) time for payment, including advance payments.

(Sec. 1304) Directs the Secretary to make counter-cyclical payments for peanuts for crop years 2008-2012 on farms with an established payment yield and base acres if the effective peanut price is less than the target peanut price.

Establishes the peanut target price at \$495 per ton.

Sets forth provisions respecting: (1) effective price; (2) payment rate; (3) payment amount; and (4) time for payment, including partial payments.

(Sec. 1305) Requires producers to comply with specified conservation, wetland, planting flexibility, and agricultural use provisions.

Terminates payments, with an exception for death or inability to receive payments, for acreage transferred or subject to a change in interest unless the transferee agrees to assume all obligations.

Directs the Secretary to protect the interests of tenants and sharecroppers.

(Sec. 1306) Permits planting flexibility on peanut acres, with exceptions for fruits, vegetables (other than mung beans and pulse crops), and wild rice. Prohibits planting of trees and perennials on base acres. Exempts from such limitations: (1) a region with a history of double-cropping peanuts with fruits, vegetables, or wild rice; or (2) a farm or a producer that has a history of planting such commodities.

(Sec. 1307) Directs the Secretary to make nine-month nonrecourse marketing loans available to peanut producers at \$355 per ton for crop years 2008-2012. Prohibits loan extensions.

Permits a producer to obtain marketing assistance loan and loan deficiency payments through an approved marketing cooperative or the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Provides for Department of Agriculture (Department) repayment of handling and associated costs for peanuts placed under loan upon redemption.

Authorizes: (1) loan deficiency payments for producers that are eligible for but forgo such loans; and (2) temporary repayment adjustments.

Requires compliance with conservation and wetlands provisions.

(Sec. 1308) Authorizes the Secretary to adjust peanut loan rates for differences in grade, type, quality, location, and other factors.

Prohibits any adjustment resulting in an increase in the national average loan rate.

Subtitle D: Sugar - (Sec. 1401) Amends the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to direct the Secretary to make nonrecourse loans to processors of domestically grown sugarcane at: (1) 18.00 cents per pound for the 2008 crop year; (2) 18.25 cents per pound for the 2009 crop year; (3) 18.50 cents per pound for the 2010 crop year; and (4) 18.75 cents per pound for the 2011 and 2012 crop years.

Directs the Secretary to make nonrecourse loans to processors of domestically grown sugar beets that is equal to: (1) 22.9 cents per pound for refined beet sugar for the 2008 crop year; and (2) a rate that is equal to 128.5% of the loan rate per pound of raw cane sugar for each of crop years 2009-2012.

States that such loans shall mature at the earlier of nine months or the end of the fiscal year.

Authorizes supplemental loans to be made in the last three months of a fiscal year for a second loan in the subsequent fiscal year.

Directs the Secretary to make nonrecourse loans to processors of a crop of domestically grown sugarcane and sugar beets for in-process sugars and syrups at a rate of 80% of the raw cane sugar or refined beet sugar loan rate.

Eliminates the Secretary's authority to adjust loan rates based upon competing countries' subsidy reductions.

Requires that processor loan recipients make adequate assurances that payments to growers will be proportional to loan values. Authorizes the Secretary to set minimum payment amounts.

Directs the Secretary to operate the sugar program at no cost to the federal government by avoiding forfeiture of sugar to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Provides that if a producer agrees to reduce production of sugar beets or sugarcane already planted such sugar beets or sugarcane may not be used for any commercial purpose other than as a bioenergy feedstock.

Subjects to reporting requirements certain: (1) sugar, molasses, and syrup importers; (2) sugarcane and sugar beet processors; and (3) cane sugar refiners.

Directs the Secretary to collect information on: (1) the production, consumption, and trade of sugar in Mexico, including U.S. sugar exports to Mexico; and (2) Mexican production, consumption, and trade of high fructose corn syrups, including U.S. exports of high fructose corn syrups to Mexico.

States that all refined sugars, whether from beets or cane, are substitutable for purposes of the refined sugar and sugar-containing products re-export programs.

(Sec. 1402) Directs the Secretary to work with the Secretary of State to restore U.S. membership in the International Sugar Organization.

(Sec. 1403) Amends the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to direct the Secretary to make sugarcane and sugar beet quantity estimates for each of crop years 2008-2012 for: (1) human consumption; (2) carryover stocks; (3) carry-in stocks; (4) domestic processing; and (5) imports.

Exempts from such estimates: (1) sugar imported for the production of polyhydric alcohol; or (2) sugar refined and reexported in refined form or in products containing sugar.

Provides that for each of crop years 2008-2012 sugar marketing allotments for processors of sugar cane or sugar beets shall be at a level: (1) to ensure that raw and refined sugar prices exceed loan forfeiture levels; and (2) with a minimum of at least 85% of the estimated sugar quantity for domestic human consumption. Authorizes the inclusion in such allotments of sugar products whose majority content is sucrose.

Excludes from such allotments sugar sold: (1) for export; (2) for non-human domestic consumption, except for production of ethanol or other bioenergy under the feedstock flexibility program; and (3) to another processor to fulfill an allocation.

Prohibits a sugar beet or sugarcane processor from marketing for domestic human consumption sugar in excess of such processor's allocation, except to: (1) enable another processor to fulfill an allocation; or (2) facilitate sugar exports. Provides a civil penalty for knowing violations of such prohibition.

Directs the Secretary to establish the overall quantity of sugar to be allocated for a crop year at a level: (1) to ensure that raw and refined sugar prices exceed loan forfeiture levels; and (2) with a minimum of at least 85% of the estimated sugar quantity for domestic human consumption.

Sets forth provisions respecting: (1) allotment adjustment; (2) allocation assignment in the sale of sugar beet processor factories; and (3) allocation for new entrants opening a new factory or reopening or acquiring an existing factory.

Directs the Secretary to establish the tariff-rate quotas for raw cane sugar and refined sugars (other than specialty sugars) at the minimum necessary to comply with congressionally-approved international trade agreements. Sets forth adjustment provisions.

Eliminates imported sugar quota reallocation provisions.

(Sec. 1404) Eliminates the storage facility loan prepayment penalty.

(Sec. 1405) Directs CCC to establish forfeited sugar storage rates: (1) for each of crop years 2008-2011, not less than 15 cents per hundredweight per month for refined sugar, and not less than 10 cents per hundredweight per month for raw cane sugar; and (2) for each of the 2012 and subsequent crop years in the same manner as was used on the day before the date of enactment of this section.

Subtitle E: Dairy - (Sec. 1501) Directs the Secretary for 2008-2012 to support: (1) cheddar cheese in blocks at not less than \$1.13 per pound; (2) cheddar cheese in barrels at not less than \$1.10 per pound; (3) butter at not less than \$1.05 per pound; and (4) nonfat dry milk at not less than \$0.80 per pound.

Authorizes the Secretary to temporarily adjust prices to avoid excess inventories. Sets forth inventory-based reductions.

(Sec. 1502) Directs the Secretary to establish a program authorizing milk producers and cooperative producer associations to voluntarily enter into forward price contracts with milk handlers for federally regulated milk that is: (1) not Class I milk or otherwise intended for fluid use; and (2) in interstate or foreign milk commerce.

Provides that contracts may be entered into until September 30, 2012, but may not extend beyond September 30, 2015.

(Sec. 1503) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend the dairy export incentive program through December 31, 2012.

(Sec. 1504) Amends the Agricultural Adjustment Act, reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, to revise specified federal marketing order amendment provisions.

(Sec. 1505) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend the dairy indemnity program through September 30, 2012.

(Sec. 1506) Extends the milk income loss contract program through 2012.

Calculates payments by multiplying a producer's payment quantity by the amount equal to \$16.94 per hundredweight, less the Class I milk price per hundredweight in Boston under the applicable federal milk marketing order by: (1) 34% for the period October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008; (2) 45% for the period October 1, 2008-August 31, 2012; and (3) 34%

beginning on September 1, 2012.

States that the payment quantity shall be: (1) 2,400,000 pounds for the period October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008; (2) 2,985,000 pounds for the period October 1, 2008-August 31, 2012; and (3) 2,400,000 pounds beginning on September 1, 2012.

(Sec. 1507) Amends the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 to extend funding authority for the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board through FY2012.

Amends the definition of "United States" to include Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for each of the promotion and research programs.

Provides importers with an assessment refund for contracts in effect prior to enactment of this Act for a one-year period after the date of enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 1508) Directs the Secretary to report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding reporting procedures for nonfat dry milk.

(Sec. 1509) Directs the Secretary to establish the Federal Milk Marketing Order Review Commission which shall evaluate: (1) the federal milk marketing order system; and (2) nonfederal milk marketing order systems.

Authorizes appropriations.

Terminates the Commission upon submission of a required report.

(Sec. 1510) Amends the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to revise dairy product mandatory reporting provisions.

Authorizes appropriations.

Subtitle F: Administration - (Sec. 1601) Directs the Secretary to: (1) use CCC funds, facilities, and authorities to carry out this title; (2) implement 2009 payment limitation and adjusted gross income provisions under this subtitle through promulgation of an interim rule; and (3) make expenditure adjustments if expenditures will exceed total allowable domestic support levels under the Uruguay Round Agreement.

(Sec. 1602) Extends through 2012: (1) specified suspensions of permanent price support authority for loan commodities, peanuts, sugar, and milk under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 and the Agricultural Act of 1949; and (2) a specified suspension of wheat and corn marketing quota provisions.

(Sec. 1603) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend and revise payment limitation provisions.

Defines "family member," "legal entity," and "person" for payment limit purposes.

Limits crop year direct payments to a person or legal entity for covered commodities (other than peanuts) as follows: (1) for a non-ACRE participant, \$40,000; and (2) for an ACRE participant, \$40,000 less the direct payment reduction.

Limits covered commodity crop year counter-cyclical payments to \$65,000 for a non-ACRE participant.

Limits crop year payments to a person or legal entity for covered commodities (other than peanuts) who receives counter-cyclical and ACRE payments to \$65,000 plus the direct payment reduction.

Limits crop year direct payments to a person or legal entity for peanuts as follows: (1) for a non-ACRE participant, \$40,000; and (2) for an ACRE participant, \$40,000 plus the direct payment reduction.

Limits peanut crop year counter-cyclical payments to \$65,000 for a non-ACRE participant.

Limits crop year payments to a person or legal entity for peanuts who receives counter-cyclical and ACRE payments to \$65,000 plus the direct payment reduction.

Eliminates limitations on marketing loan benefits and loan deficiency payments.

Provide for direct payment attribution. Sets forth related provisions.

Repeals the "three-entity rule." (Such provision permits producers to receive payments up to the full cap directly and up to half the full cap on each of up to two additional entities in which they have an ownership stake.)

Revises the Secretary's authority to deny benefits to individuals or entities that perpetuate program fraud. Increases ineligibility penalties for such violations. (Applies existing penalty provisions to the 2007-2008 crops.)

(Sec. 1604) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend and revise adjusted gross income limitation provisions through 2012.

Defines: (1) "average adjusted gross income"; and (2) "average adjusted gross farm income."

Authorizes adjusted gross income allocation among individuals filing a joint return.

Provides that a person or legal entity shall be ineligible to receive: (1) specified farm program benefits during a crop, fiscal, or program year if the average adjusted gross nonfarm income of the person or legal entity exceeds \$500,000; (2) direct payments under subtitle A or C of title I of this Act if the average adjusted gross farm income of the person or legal entity exceeds \$750,000; and (3) specified conservation program benefits during a crop, fiscal, or program year if the average adjusted gross nonfarm income of the person or legal entity exceeds \$1 million, unless not less than 66.66% of the average adjusted gross income is average adjusted gross farm income.

Sets forth income sources to be included in determining average gross farm income.

Requires that at least once every three years a person or legal entity provides the Secretary with a certification that average adjusted gross income, average adjusted gross farm income, and average adjusted gross nonfarm income do not exceed applicable limitations.

Directs the Secretary to deny program benefits to a person or legal entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section.

States that: (1) this section shall apply during the 2009-2012 crop, program, or fiscal years; and (2) adjusted gross income limitations in effect on September 30, 2007, shall apply to 2007-2008 crop, fiscal, or program years.

(Sec. 1605) Directs the Secretary to provide quality incentive payments for the production of oilseeds with specialized traits that enhance human health.

Authorizes FY2009-FY2012 appropriations.

(Sec. 1606) Extends specified provisions regarding producer deficiency liability.

(Sec. 1607) Extends specified provisions respecting loan administration authority through crop year 2009.

(Sec. 1608) Applies specified payment assignment provisions under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to payments made under this title.

Directs producers to notify the Secretary of payment assignments.

(Sec. 1609) Authorizes the Secretary to track benefits provided to individuals and entities under titles I and II of this Act.

(Sec. 1610) Amends the Agricultural Marketing Act to eliminate the prohibition on government publication of cotton price forecasts.

(Sec. 1611) Directs the Secretary to: (1) issue regulations for the settlement of estates and to preclude payments on behalf of deceased individuals who were not eligible for payment; and (2) reconcile social security numbers of program participants with the Social Security Administration (SSA) at least twice annually.

(Sec. 1612) Directs The Secretary to establish a program to promote hard white wheat as a viable U.S. market class of wheat.

Authorizes FY2009-FY2012 appropriations.

(Sec. 1613) Directs the Secretary to compensate producers of durum wheat for up to 50% of the cost of fungicides applied to control Fusarium head blight (wheat scab).

Authorizes FY2009-FY2012 appropriations.

(Sec. 1614) Directs the Secretary to establish a storage facility loan program for eligible producers of grains, oilseeds, pulse crops, hay, renewable biomass, and other storable commodities (other than sugar).

(Sec. 1615) Amends the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act with respect to state, county, and area committees.

(Sec. 1616) Directs the Secretary to collect commodity assessments from marketing assistance loans pursuant to state or federal authority. (Current law authorizes such collection.)

Prohibits fees for the collection of commodity assessments.

(Sec. 1617) Provides that if the Secretary approves a document the Secretary shall not subsequently determine that the document is inadequate or invalid because of the lack of authority of any person signing on behalf of the applicant, unless such person falsified the signature authority or the signature.

(Sec. 1618) Directs the Secretary to submit a third-party FSA modernization report to the appropriate congressional committees.

(Sec. 1619) Directs the Secretary to ensure the portability and standardization of the Department's geospatial data.

(Sec. 1620) Directs the Secretary to report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding office space leasing.

(Sec. 1621) Authorizes the Secretary to reimburse geographically disadvantaged farmers or ranchers (as defined by this section) for certain travel costs.

Authorizes FY2009-FY2012 appropriations.

(Sec. 1622) Directs the Secretary to make specified funds available to FSA to carry out this title.

(Sec. 1623) Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to repeal provisions: (1) establishing the Commission on Application of Payment Limitations; and (2) authorizing market loss assistance and certain emergency assistance to persons who failed to receive assistance under earlier authorities.

Title II: Conservation - Subtitle A: Definitions and Highly Erodible Land and Water Conservation - (Sec. 2001)

Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to define specified terms.

(Sec. 2002) Amends provisions regarding good faith determinations of highly erodible land compliance violations to provide for: (1) graduated penalties; and (2) second level review of compliance violations by the FSA state executive director or district director.

(Sec. 2003) Provides for second level review of good faith wetlands compliance violations by the FSA state executive director or district director.

Subtitle B: Conservation Reserve Program - (Sec. 2101) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to extend the conservation reserve program (CRP) through FY2012.

(Sec. 2103) Extends current CRP maximum acreage enrollment levels (39,200,000 acres) through FY2009. Sets FY2010-FY2012 levels at 32,000,000 acres.

(Sec. 2104) Expands the Chesapeake Bay Priority Area.

(Sec. 2105) Considers alfalfa grown as part of a rotation practice as a commodity for cropping history purposes.

(Sec. 2106) Directs the Secretary to carry out a CRP pilot program to enroll wetland and buffer acreage through FY2012. Sets forth program provisions.

(Sec. 2107) Requires that CRP contract holders manage the land to implement conservation measures throughout the term of the contract.

(Sec. 2108) Prohibits harvesting, grazing, or commercial use of the forage on CRP land except that the Secretary may permit (and reduce rental payments): (1) managed harvesting, including biomass harvesting; (2) harvesting, grazing, or commercial use in response to drought or other emergency; (3) grazing for the control of invasive species; and (4) wind turbine installation.

(Sec. 2109) Authorizes CRP cost sharing payments relating to trees, windbreaks, shelterbelts, and wildlife corridors for necessary tree thinning.

(Sec. 2110) Directs the Secretary to provide new CRP enrollment priority to local residents if the offer provides equivalent conservation benefits when compared to other offers.

(Sec. 2111) Authorizes the Secretary to modify a CRP contract to facilitate the transition of CRP land from a retiring owner to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher (covered farmer or rancher).

Provides that such transition plan shall: (1) permit a covered farmer or rancher to make land improvements and to begin

the organic certification process one year before the CRP contract expires; (2) require the retiring landowner to sell or lease the CRP land to the covered farmer or rancher for production purposes; (3) require a conservation plan; (4) permit the covered the farmer or rancher to enroll in the conservation stewardship or the environmental quality incentives programs upon taking ownership of the land; and (5) provide CRP payments to the retiring owner for an additional two years after the contract terminates.

Provides a covered farmer or rancher with an option to reenroll a partial field conservation practice that is eligible for continuous sign-up and is part of a conservation plan.

Subtitle C: Wetlands Reserve Program -(Sec. 2201) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to state that the purposes of the wetlands reserve program are to restore, protect, or enhance eligible wetlands on private or tribal lands.

(Sec. 2202) Increases maximum program acreage to 3,041,200 acres.

Directs the Secretary to enroll tribal-owned acreage into the program through 30-year contracts, restoration cost-share agreements, or a combination of the two options.

(Sec. 2203) Extends the program through FY2012 (changes from a calendar year to a fiscal year basis).

Makes cropland or grassland that was used for agricultural production prior to certain natural flooding eligible for program enrollment.

Increases to seven years the period during which land changing ownership is ineligible for program participation except under specified circumstances.

Directs the Secretary to conduct a survey beginning with FY2008 to determine allocations for the Prairie Pothole Region to enroll cropland or grassland.

(Sec. 2204) Permits spraying on program land in order to meet wildlife habitat needs.

(Sec. 2205) Revises conservation easement compensation provisions.

(Sec. 2206) Authorizes the Secretary to enter into one or more agreements with a state (including a political subdivision), nongovernmental organization, or Indian tribe to carry out a special wetlands reserve enhancement program which shall include a reserved grazing rights pilot program.

Terminates such pilot program on September 30, 2012.

(Sec. 2207) Revises the Secretary's program duties.

(Sec. 2208) Excludes 30-year contracts from annual program payment limitations and includes legal entities within such limitation.

(Sec. 2209) Eliminates the payment limitation exception for state wetland and environmental enhancement agreements.

(Sec. 2210) Directs the Secretary to report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding the long-term implications of conservation easements on Department resources.

Subtitle D: Conservation Stewardship Program - (Sec. 2301) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to direct the Secretary to establish a comprehensive stewardship incentives program (consisting of the conservation stewardship and

the environmental quality incentives programs) for FY2009-FY2012 to encourage producers to maintain existing, and undertake additional, conservation activities.

Sets forth eligible land categories as follows: (1) private agricultural land; (2) tribal agricultural land; (3) forested land incidental to agricultural operations; and (4) not more than 10% of nonindustrial private forest land. Excludes: (1) land enrolled in the CRP, or the wetlands or grassland reserve programs; and (2) land in crop production that was not used as cropland for four of the six years preceding enactment of this Act, with specified exceptions.

Sets forth contract provisions, including renewable five-year contract terms. Permits contract termination by the Secretary or by the producer with the Secretary's consent.

Provides for program outreach to specialty crop and organic producers.

Authorizes: (1) on-farm research and demonstration projects; and (2) pilot testing of new technologies.

Sets forth acreage, state acreage allocation, and payment provisions.

Requires that participating producers adopt resource-conserving crop rotations.

Provides producers who adopt a beneficial crop rotation with supplemental payments.

Provides for maximum producer payments of \$200,000 for any five-year period, excluding funding arrangements with federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native corporations.

Terminates conservation security program contract authority after September 30, 2008, with specified exceptions.

Subtitle E: Farmland Protection and Grassland Reserve - (Sec. 2401) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to revise the farmland protection program.

States that the purpose of the farmland protection program is to protect the agricultural use and related conservation values of eligible land by limiting nonagricultural uses of that land. (Current law refers to the protection of topsoil by limiting nonagricultural land use.)

Revises the definitions of "eligible entity" and "eligible land."

Provides with respect to a conservation easement that: (1) an eligible entity provide at least 25% of cost-sharing expenses; and (2) the easement contains a contingent right of enforcement for the Secretary.

Sets forth certification criteria for eligible entities.

(Sec. 2402) Extends the farm viability program through FY2012.

(Sec. 2403) Revises the grassland reserve program.

Revises the definition of "eligible land."

Extends enrollment authority through 2012.

Eliminates 30-year easements and rental agreements.

Gives enrollment priority to former CRP land that is of high ecological value and under significant threat of conversion.

Limits such transfers to not more than 10% of annual enrolled program acres.

Revises provisions respecting: (1) easement and contract requirements; and (2) duties of the Secretary.

Subtitle F: Environmental Quality Incentives Program - (Sec. 2501) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to revise the environmental quality incentives program.

Includes forest management as a program goal.

(Sec. 2502) Revises the definitions of "eligible land" and "practice."

(Sec. 2503) Extends the program through FY2012.

Revises payment limitation provisions, including: (1) authorizing up to full payment for certain forgone income; (2) making socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers eligible for increased payments; and (3) providing advance payments for beginning, socially disadvantaged, and limited resource farmers or ranchers.

Authorizes the Secretary to provide payments for water conservation or irrigation practices.

Directs the Secretary to provide payments for organic production-related conservation practices.

(Sec. 2504) Revises application evaluation and plan of operation provisions.

(Sec. 2508) Reduces aggregate program payments to a person or legal entity during any six-year period to \$300,000. Authorizes an increased limit of up to \$450,000 for projects of special environmental significance.

(Sec. 2509) Revises conservation innovation grant purposes.

Includes: (1) forest resource management as an eligible grant activity; and (2) specialty crop participation as an eligible project.

Directs the Secretary to provide producer payments to: (1) address air quality concerns from agricultural operations; and (2) meet federal, state, and local regulatory requirements. Obligates FY2009-FY2012 funds for such payments.

Eliminates the cost share cap.

(Sec. 2510) Establishes in lieu of current ground and surface water conservation grant provisions the agricultural water enhancement program (as part of the environmental quality incentives program).

Authorizes: (1) producer contracts for agricultural water enhancement activities (as defined by this section); and (2) regional partnership agreements with producer associations, state or local governments, or Indian tribes.

Gives proposal priority to states with water quantity concerns.

Directs the Secretary to consider as an eligible agricultural water enhancement activity the use of a water impoundment to capture surface water runoff on agricultural land in a drought area.

Makes additional program funding available from CCC.

Subtitle G: Other Conservation Programs of the Food Security Act of 1985 - (Sec. 2601) Amends the Food Security Act of 1985 to authorize appropriations for the private grazing land conservation program through FY2012.

(Sec. 2602) Amends the wildlife habitat incentive program to: (1) increase cost-share payments limits for long-term projects to 25%; (2) include pivot corners and irregular areas; (3) provide priority to projects that address issues raised by state, regional, and national conservation initiatives; and (4) establish a \$50,000 annual payment cap.

(Sec. 2603) Authorizes appropriations through FY2012 for: (1) the grassroots source water protection program; and (2) the Great Lakes Basin soil erosion and sediment control program.

(Sec. 2605) Defines "Chesapeake Bay watershed" to include all tributaries, backwaters, and side channels (including watersheds) draining into the Chesapeake Bay.

Directs the Secretary to establish the Chesapeake Bay watershed conservation program to assist producers implement conservation activities on agricultural lands in the Chesapeake Bay watershed to: (1) improve water quality and quantity; and (2) restore and preserve soil, air, and related resources.

Directs the Secretary to give special consideration to projects in the Susquehanna, Shenandoah, Potomac, or Patuxent river basins.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary should be a member of the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council, and is authorized to do so under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

Obligates CCC program funding through FY2012.

(Sec. 2606) Directs the Secretary to establish a public access program under which states and tribal governments may apply for grants to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily provide public access to such land for hunting, fishing and other recreational activities.

Directs the Secretary to reduce grants by 25% to a state that has not made opening dates for migratory bird hunting consistent for residents and nonresidents.

Obligates CCC program funding through FY2012.

Subtitle H: Funding and Administration of Conservation Programs - (Sec. 2701) Extends authority to use CCC funding for specified conservation programs through FY2012, including the grassland reserve program. Adds the conservation stewardship program to such eligible programs. Makes such funds available to administer conservation security contracts entered into before September 30, 2008.

Obligates CRP funds for FY2009-FY2012 for: (1) thinning activities; and (2) land transfers from retiring farmers or ranchers to beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers.

Obligates FY2008-FY2012 funds for: (1) the environmental quality incentives program; and (2) the wildlife habitat incentives program.

(Sec. 2702) Authorizes the Secretary to accept contributions to support specified conservation programs.

(Sec. 2703) Increases the amount of fiscal year funding to \$15 million for a state to qualify for conservation priority funding.

Directs the Secretary to review and update conservation funding allocation formulas.

(Sec. 2704) Obliges specified environmental quality incentives program funds and acres for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

(Sec. 2705) Directs the Secretary to report semiannually to the appropriate congressional committees regarding specified conservation program enrollments and assistance.

(Sec. 2706) Revises conservation program technical assistance provisions.

(Sec. 2707) Directs the Secretary to establish a cooperative conservation partnership initiative (Initiative) to work with states and local governments, tribes, nongovernmental organizations, producer associations, and institutions of higher education to assist producers in specified conservation programs enhance conservation measures on agricultural and nonindustrial private forest land.

Excludes from the Initiative: (1) the CRP; (2) the wetlands reserve program; (3) the farmland protection program; and (4) the grassland reserve program.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) enter into multi-year agreements (five-year maximum) with eligible entities; (2) reserve 6% of specified conservation program funds and acres for the Initiative for FY2009-FY2012; and (3) allocate 90% of funds and acres to projects based on the direction of state conservationists and 10% to projects based on a national competitive process.

Prohibits funds to be used to pay partner overhead or administrative costs.

(Sec. 2708) Makes socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers eligible for conservation program incentives.

Sets forth county conservation program enrollment and easement acreage limits. Provides waiver authority for the Secretary. Excludes shelterbelts and windbreaks from enrollment limits.

Authorizes the Secretary to encourage pollinator habitat development.

(Sec. 2709) Directs the Secretary to establish technical guidelines to measure the environmental services benefits from conservation and land management activities in order to facilitate the participation of farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners in emerging environmental services markets. Gives priority to carbon market participation.

(Sec. 2710) Directs the Secretary to establish a conservation experienced services program to utilize the talents of individuals who are 55 or older (who are not Department or state agriculture employees) to provide conservation-related technical services.

Authorizes the Secretary to enter into agreements with nonprofit organizations eligible to receive grants under the Community Service Senior Opportunities Act to secure program participants.

States that such agreements may not displace Department employees.

(Sec. 2711) Directs the Secretary to establish a technical committee in each state to assist the Secretary in conservation program implementation.

Subtitle I: Conservation Programs Under Other Laws - (Sec. 2801) Amends the Federal Crop Insurance Act regarding the agricultural management assistance program to: (1) include Hawaii in the program; (2) increase CCC funding for FY2008-FY2012; and (3) make permanent funding obligations for certain programs.

(Sec. 2802) Amends the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to define "technical assistance."

(Sec. 2803) Amends the the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act regarding the small watershed (dam) rehabilitation program to: (1) authorize appropriations through FY2012; and (2) make CCC funds available for FY2009.

(Sec. 2804) Amends the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 to extend the soil and water conservation program through December 31, 2018.

(Sec. 2805) Amends the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 regarding the resource conservation and development program to: (1) provide that the planning process shall be locally led; (2) provide that technical assistance shall include area plan and project implementation; and (3) direct the Secretary to designate a technical assistance coordinator for each council.

(Sec. 2806) Amends the the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to carry out salinity control activities in the Colorado River Basin. Directs the Secretary to: (1) consult with the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council; and (2) submit a planning report to the appropriate congressional committees.

(Sec. 2807) Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to: (1) reduce the amount CCC funds to be transferred to the Bureau of Reclamation Water and Related Resources Account to provide water to at-risk natural desert terminal lakes; (2) permit funds to be used to lease water, or purchase land, water appurtenant to the land, and related interests in the Walker River Basin from willing sellers; and (3) eliminate the prohibition on purchasing or leasing water rights.

Subtitle J: Miscellaneous Conservation Provisions - (Sec. 2901) States that program benefits under this Act will not be denied to eligible individuals solely on the basis of participation in a one-time study of recharge potential for the Ogallala Aquifer in Texas.

(Sec. 2902) Designates the National Plant Materials Center at Beltsville, Maryland, as the "Norman A. Berg National Plant Materials Center."

(Sec. 2903) Provides for the continuation of programs under title XII of the Food Security Act and of the ground and surface water conservation program under such Act until September 30, 2008.

(Sec. 2904) Directs the Secretary to promulgate implementing regulations for this title within 90 days of enactment of this Act.

Title IV: Nutrition - Subtitle A: Food Stamp Program - Part 1: Renaming of Food Stamp Act and Program - (Sec. 4001) Amends the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to rename: (1) the Food Stamp Act of 1977 as the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; and (2) the food stamp program as the supplemental nutrition assistance program (program).

(Sec. 4002) Makes conforming amendments to specified Acts.

Part 2: Benefit Improvements - (Sec. 4101) Excludes certain military combat pay from household income inclusion for purposes of program eligibility.

(Sec. 4102) Increases the FY2009 minimum standard deduction to: (1) \$144 for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia; (2) \$246 for Alaska; (3) \$203 for Hawaii; (4) \$127 for the Virgin Islands; and (5) \$289 for Guam.

Provides that beginning with FY2010 the standard minimum deduction shall be the previous fiscal year's amount adjusted to the nearest lower dollar increment to reflect changes for the 12-month period ending on the preceding June 30 in the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for items other than food.

(Sec. 4103) Removes dependent care deduction caps.

(Sec. 4104) Provides that beginning on October 1, 2008, and each October 1 thereafter existing asset dollar limits shall be indexed annually for inflation as measured by the CPI-U and adjusted down to the nearest \$250.

Provides for the mandatory and discretionary exclusion of certain retirement and education accounts from allowable household financial resources.

(Sec. 4105) Authorizes states to require periodic reporting of changes in household circumstances by households that are: (1) elderly or disabled; (2) migrant or seasonal farmworkers; or (3) homeless. Limits the frequency of such reports.

(Sec. 4106) Authorizes states to provide transitional food assistance benefits to households with children that cease to receive cash assistance under a state-funded public assistance program.

(Sec. 4107) Provides that the minimum program benefit shall be equal to 8% of the maximum benefit for a household of one.

(Sec. 4108) Includes as an eligible employment and training program activity job retention services provided to individuals who have received other program employment/training services.

Part 3: Program Operations - (Sec. 4111) Authorizes the Secretary to administer the food stamp nutrition education program.

Authorizes state agencies to: (1) implement nutrition education programs that promote healthy food choices; and (2) deliver nutrition education directly to eligible recipients or through agreements with the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

(Sec. 4112) Directs the Secretary to establish procedures to ensure that states use consistent procedures that disqualify individuals whom law enforcement authorities are actively seeking for criminal proceedings.

(Sec. 4113) Prohibits any method for staggering a monthly issuance of benefits from splitting a household's monthly benefit into more than one issuance unless a benefit correction is necessary.

(Sec. 4114) Requires that state agencies: (1) establish a procedure for recovering electronic benefits from the account of a household due to inactivity; (2) expunge benefits that have not been accessed by a household for 12 months; and (3) notify households of stored benefits and make them available not later than 48 hours after a household's request.

Authorize state agencies to store recovered benefits off-line if the household has not accessed the account after six months.

(Sec. 4115) Prohibits state issuance of coupons effective on the date of enactment of this Act. Replaces program coupons with electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards effective one year after enactment of this Act. States that coupons not used during such one-year period shall not be redeemable.

States that: (1) the Secretary shall require a state agency to issue benefits using alternative methods if such action would

improve program integrity; and (2) the cost of required documents or systems may not be imposed upon participating retail food stores.

(Sec. 4116) Sets forth state responsibility for program administration.

Directs: (1) the Secretary to develop standards for identifying major changes in state agency operations; and (2) a state to notify the Secretary of any such change and collect information needed to identify any adverse effects on program integrity or access.

(Sec. 4117) Requires civil rights compliance.

(Sec. 4119) Authorizes a state to provide for telephonic signature.

(Sec. 4120) Sets forth privacy protection provisions.

(Sec. 4121) Requires that computerized systems for state program operations receiving federal matching payments be: (1) tested adequately before and after implementation, including through pilot projects; and (2) operated under a plan for continuous updating.

(Sec. 4122) Limits the time unspent federal funding for employment and training program expenses may remain available to 15 months.

Part 4: Program Integrity - (Sec 4131) Disqualifies from program participation a person found by a court or administrative agency to have intentionally: (1) obtained cash by misusing program benefits to obtain money for return of container deposits; or (2) sold food that was purchased using program benefits.

(Sec. 4132) Subjects a retail store or wholesale food concern to a civil money penalty of up to \$100,000, program disqualification, or both for each program violation. Eliminates the requirement that a civil money penalty determination be based on whether program disqualification would cause hardship for recipient households.

States that the period of disqualification shall be not more than: (1) five years for a first violation; and (2) 10 years for a second violation. (Eliminates current minimum disqualification periods.)

Revises provisions regarding bonds required of violating stores or food concerns wishing to be reapproved for participation.

Directs the Secretary to establish procedures whereby participating food concerns may be immediately suspended for "flagrant violations" pending administrative action to disqualify.

(Sec. 4133) Authorizes the Secretary, upon a determination that a state agency overissued benefits to a substantial number of households as a result of a major systemic error, to prohibit the agency from collecting such overissuances from some or all households.

Part 5: Miscellaneous - (Sec. 4141) Amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to direct the Secretary carry out pilot projects to: (1) improve the dietary and health status of eligible or participating households; and (2) reduce obesity (including childhood obesity) and associated co-morbidities in the United States.

Authorizes FY2008-FY2012 appropriations.

(Sec. 4142) Directs the Secretary to study the feasibility of including Puerto Rico in the program in lieu of providing Puerto Rico with a block grant. Sets forth study and reporting provisions.

Provides funding for such study.

Subtitle B: Food Distribution Programs - Part 1: Emergency Food Assistance Program - (Sec. 4201) Amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to extend authority to purchase commodities for the emergency food assistance program through FY2012.

Amends the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to authorize appropriations to pay for the direct and indirect state costs related to the processing, storage, transportation, and distribution of commodities and donated wild game to eligible recipient agencies.

(Sec. 4202) Amends the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 to provide grants for emergency and perishable food infrastructure improvement grants. Requires at least 50% rural area fund use.

Authorizes FY2008-FY2012 appropriations.

Part 2: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations - (Sec. 4211) Amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 regarding the food distribution on Indian reservations program to: (1) authorize the purchase of bison meat for program distribution; (2) establish a fund (and authorize FY2008-FY2012 appropriations) for purchasing traditional and locally-grown foods for program distribution, of which, where practicable, at least 50% shall be produced by Native American farmers, ranchers, and producers; and (3) direct the Secretary to report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding the program food package.

Part 3: Commodity Supplemental Food Program - (Sec. 4221) Amends the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 regarding the commodity supplemental food program to prohibit the Secretary from requiring a state or local agency to prioritize assistance to a particular group of individuals that are: (1) low-income persons aged 60 and older; or (2) women, infants, and children.

Part 4: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program - (Sec. 4231) Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 regarding the senior farmers' market nutrition program to: (1) include honey in the program; (2) exclude benefits from consideration as income or resources under federal, state, or local law; and (3) prohibit state or local sales tax on benefit voucher food purchases.

Subtitle C: Child Nutrition and Related Programs - (Sec. 4301) Directs the Secretary to report annually to the appropriate congressional committees assessing the each state's effectiveness in enrolling school-aged children in households receiving supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits for free school meals using direct certification.

(Sec. 4302) Amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to direct the Secretary to allow institutions receiving funds under this Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, including the Department of Defense (DOD) fresh fruit and vegetable program, to use a geographic preference for the procurement of unprocessed agricultural products, both locally grown and locally raised.

(Sec. 4303) Directs the Secretary to carry out a pilot program of grants to nonprofit organizations or public entities in up to five states for community gardens at high-poverty schools to teach the students about agriculture production practices and diet.

(Sec. 4304) Directs the Secretary, beginning with the school year opening July 2008, to provide grants to states for programs to make free fresh fruits and vegetables available in elementary schools.

Sets forth program and funding provisions.

Authorizes appropriations (in addition to other funding).

(Sec. 4305) Directs the Secretary to: (1) purchase whole grain products for distribution in the school lunch and breakfast programs; and (2) evaluate the program and report to the appropriate congressional committees.

(Sec. 4306) States that the Department should undertake training, guidance, and enforcement of the various current Buy American statutory requirements and regulations, including those of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

(Sec. 4307) Directs the Secretary, for FY2009, to: (1) carry out a survey of the foods purchased during the most recent school year for which data is available by school authorities participating in the school lunch program; and (2) report to the appropriate congressional committees.

Provides CCC funding for such survey.

Subtitle D: Miscellaneous - (Sec. 4401) Amends the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to rename the Congressional Hunger Fellows Act of 2002 as the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows and Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program Act of 2008.

Revises the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program. Replaces the Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship and the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship with the Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship Program and the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellowship Program.

Provides that: (1) the Secretary shall offer to provide a grant to the Congressional Hunger Center to administer the Fellowship Programs; (2) a Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship shall be for not more than 15 months (current Fellowship is for not more than one year); and (3) a Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship shall be for not more than two years (current Fellowship requires at least one year in fie

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2008:** Veto message received in Senate. Ordered held at the desk.
- **May 22, 2008:** Veto Message considered in Senate. (consideration: CR S4713-4714, S4743-4755)
- **May 22, 2008:** Passed Senate over veto: Passed Senate over veto by Yea-Nay Vote. 82 - 13. Record Vote Number: 140.(consideration: CR S4749)
- **May 22, 2008:** Passed Senate over veto by Yea-Nay Vote. 82 - 13. Record Vote Number: 140. (consideration: CR S4749)
- **May 22, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 22, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-234.
- **May 21, 2008:** Vetoed by President.(text of veto message: CR H4402)
- **May 21, 2008:** Vetoed by President. (text of veto message: CR H4402)
- **May 21, 2008:** The Chair laid before the House the veto message from the President.
- **May 21, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the veto message of the President to accompany H.R. 2419.
- **May 21, 2008:** Without objection, the previous question was ordered.
- **May 21, 2008:** On passage, the objections of the President to the contrary, notwithstanding. 2/3 Yea and Nay vote pending. (consideration: CR H4402-4411)
- **May 21, 2008:** Passed House over veto: Two-thirds of the Members present having voted in the affirmative the bill is passed, the Passed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 316 - 108 (Roll no. 346).
- **May 21, 2008:** Two-thirds of the Members present having voted in the affirmative the bill is passed, the Passed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 316 - 108 (Roll no. 346).
- **May 20, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **May 15, 2008:** Conference report considered in Senate. (consideration: CR S4212-4243)
- **May 15, 2008:** Point of order against the measure raised in Senate.
- **May 15, 2008:** Motion to waive under paragraph 8(a) of Rule XLIV with respect to the measure made in Senate.
- **May 15, 2008:** Motion to waive the Budget Act (section 203, S.Con.Res. 21, 110th Congress) with respect to the measure agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 74 - 21. Record Vote Number: 128.
- **May 15, 2008:** Motion to waive under paragraph 8(a) of Rule XLIV with respect to the measure agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 62 - 34. Record Vote Number: 129.
- **May 15, 2008:** Conference report agreed to in Senate: Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 81 - 15. Record Vote Number: 130.
- **May 15, 2008:** Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 81 - 15. Record Vote Number: 130.
- **May 15, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **May 15, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **May 14, 2008:** Rule H. Res. 1189 passed House.
- **May 14, 2008:** Mr. Peterson (MN) brought up conference report H. Rept. 110-627 for consideration under the provisions of H. Res. 1189. (consideration: CR H3801-3822)
- **May 14, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419.
- **May 14, 2008:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H3821)
- **May 14, 2008:** Mr. Cantor moved to recommit with instructions to the conference committee. (consideration: CR H3821-3822; text: CR H3821)
- **May 14, 2008:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions to conference committee was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H3821)
- **May 14, 2008:** On motion to recommit with instructions to conference committee Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 193 - 230 (Roll no. 314). (consideration: CR H3821-3822)
- **May 14, 2008:** Conference report agreed to in House: On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by recorded vote: 318 - 106 (Roll no. 315).
- **May 14, 2008:** Motions to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 14, 2008:** On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by recorded vote: 318 - 106 (Roll no. 315).
- **May 14, 2008:** Conference papers: Senate report and manager's statement and message on House action held at the desk in Senate.

- **May 14, 2008:** Conference report considered in Senate. (consideration: CR S4150-4172, S4203-4210)
- **May 14, 2008:** Point of order against the measure raised in Senate.
- **May 14, 2008:** Motion to waive the Budget Act (section 203, S.Con.Res. 21, 110th Congress) with respect to the measure made in Senate.
- **May 13, 2008:** Conference report filed: Conference report H. Rept. 110-627 filed.(text of conference report: CR H3409-3700)
- **May 13, 2008:** Conference report H. Rept. 110-627 filed. (text of conference report: CR H3409-3700)
- **May 13, 2008:** Under clause 7(c) of rule XXI, the Chair announced that due to the filing of the conference report on H.R. 2419, the following two motions to instruct conferees on that measure have been vitiated: The motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Upton, which was debated on May 8th and on which further proceedings were postponed under clause 8 of rule XX; and the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Shimkus, which was debated on May 8th and on which further proceedings were postponed under clause 8 of rule XX.
- **May 13, 2008:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1189 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of the conference report to H.R. 2419 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed.
- **May 8, 2008:** On motion that the House instruct conferees Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 128 - 274 (Roll no. 304). (consideration: CR H3308-3309)
- **May 8, 2008:** On motion that the House instruct conferees Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 169 - 222 (Roll no. 305). (consideration: CR H3309)
- **May 8, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 8, 2008:** Mr. Upton moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H3311-3312; text: CR H3311)
- **May 8, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Upton motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. The instructions contained in the motion direct the managers on the part of the House to recede the provisions proposed to be added to Section 9001 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 in the form of a definition of "Renewable Biomass".
- **May 8, 2008:** The previous question was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H3312)
- **May 8, 2008:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Upton motion to instruct conferees on H .R. 2419, the Chair put the question on adoption of the motion and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Upton demanded the yeas and nays which were ordered and further proceedings on the question of adoption of the motion were postponed until a time to be announced.
- **May 8, 2008:** Mr. Shimkus moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H3312-3317; text: CR H3312)
- **May 8, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Shimkus motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. The instructions contained in the motion direct the managers on the part of the House to recede to the provisions contained in section 9021 of the Senate amendment (relating to the E 85 Fuel Program).
- **May 8, 2008:** The previous question was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H3316)
- **May 8, 2008:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Shimkus motion to instruct conferees on H .R. 2419, the Chair put the question on adoption of the motion and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Shimkus demanded the yeas and nays which were ordered and further proceedings on the question of adoption of the motion were postponed until a time to be announced.
- **May 8, 2008:** Mr. Terry moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H3317-3319; text: CR H3317)
- **May 8, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Terry motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. The instructions contained in the motion direct the managers on the part of the House to recede to the provisions contained in section 12312 subtitle C of title XII of the Senate amendment (relating to a cellulosic biofuel production tax credit).
- **May 8, 2008:** Mr. Terry asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 7, 2008:** NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT - Mr. Shimkus notified the House of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419.
- **May 7, 2008:** NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT - Mr. Terry notified the House of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419.
- **May 7, 2008:** NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT - Mr. Upton notified the House of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419.
- **May 7, 2008:** Mr. Cantor moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H3177-3181)
- **May 7, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Cantor motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part of the House to disagree

to the provisions contained in section 12808 of the Senate amendment (relating to qualified forestry conservation bonds).

- **May 7, 2008:** The previous question was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H3181)
- **May 7, 2008:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cantor motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, the Chair put the question on adoption of the motion and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Cantor demanded the yeas and nays which were ordered and further proceedings on the question of adoption of the motion were postponed until a time to be announced.
- **May 6, 2008:** On motion that the House instruct conferees Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 172 - 241 (Roll no. 247). (consideration: CR H3062-3063)
- **May 6, 2008:** Walsh (NY) moved to reconsider the vote.
- **May 6, 2008:** Mr. Hastings (FL) moved to table the motion to reconsider the vote (consideration: CR H3063-3064)
- **May 6, 2008:** On motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote Agreed to by recorded vote: 203 - 176 (Roll no. 248).
- **May 6, 2008:** NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT - Mr. Cantor notified the House of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419.
- **May 6, 2008:** On motion that the House instruct conferees Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 140 - 274 (Roll no. 258). (consideration: CR H3091-3092)
- **May 6, 2008:** Latham moved to reconsider the vote.
- **May 6, 2008:** Mr. Hastings (FL) moved to table the motion to reconsider the vote (consideration: CR H3092-3093)
- **May 6, 2008:** On motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote Agreed to by recorded vote: 221 - 192 (Roll no. 259).
- **May 6, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 6, 2008:** Mr. Flake moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H3102-3106)
- **May 6, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Flake motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part of the House not to recede to the provisions contained in subtitle A of title XII of the Senate amendment (relating to a permanent agriculture disaster assistance program).
- **May 6, 2008:** The previous question was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H3106)
- **May 6, 2008:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Flake motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, the Chair put the question on adoption of the motion to instruct and by voice vote, announced the nays had prevailed. Mr. Flake demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the motion to instruct until a time to be announced.
- **May 5, 2008:** NOTICE OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT - Mr. Flake (AZ) notified the House of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419.
- **May 1, 2008:** On motion that the House instruct conferees Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 157 - 259 (Roll no. 238). (consideration: CR H2988-2989)
- **May 1, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 1, 2008:** Mr. Ryan (WI) moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H2992-2995; text: CR H2992)
- **May 1, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Ryan (WI) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part of the House to, within the scope of the conference, use the most recent baseline estimates supplied by the Congressional Budget Office when evaluating the costs of the provisions of the report.
- **May 1, 2008:** The previous question was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H2994-2995)
- **May 1, 2008:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Ryan (WI) motion to instruct conferees on H. R. 2419, the Chair put the question adoption of the motion and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Ryan (WI) demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the motion until a time to be announced.
- **May 1, 2008:** Mr. Kind moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H2995-2999; text: CR H2995)
- **May 1, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Kind motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part of the House to insist on the amendment contained in section 2401(d) of the House bill, insist on the amendments contained in section 2104 of the House bill and reject the amendment contained in section 2401(2) of the Senate amendment, insist on the amendments contained in section 2102 of the House bill, and insist on the amendments contained in section 2608 of the Senate bill.
- **May 1, 2008:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Kind motion to instruct conferees on H. R. 2419, the Chair put the question adoption of the motion and by voice vote, announced that the noes had

prevailed. Mr. Kind demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the motion until a time to be announced.

- **Apr 30, 2008:** Mr. Flake moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H2924-2930; text: CR H2924)
- **Apr 30, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Flake motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part of the House to agree to the provisions contained in section 1703(b)(2) of the Senate amendment (relating to a \$40,000 limitation on direct payments).
- **Apr 30, 2008:** The previous question was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H2930)
- **Apr 30, 2008:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Flake motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, the Chair put the question adoption of the motion and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Flake demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the motion until tomorrow.
- **Apr 22, 2008:** Conference committee actions: Conference held.
- **Apr 22, 2008:** Conference held.
- **Apr 18, 2008:** Conference committee actions: Conference held.
- **Apr 18, 2008:** Conference held.
- **Apr 16, 2008:** Conference committee actions: Conference held.
- **Apr 16, 2008:** Conference held.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Conference committee actions: Conference held.
- **Apr 15, 2008:** Conference held.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Conference committee actions: Conference held.
- **Apr 14, 2008:** Conference held.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** Mr. Holden moved that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference. (consideration: CR H2119-2121)
- **Apr 9, 2008:** On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** Mr. Goodlatte moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H2119-2121)
- **Apr 9, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Goodlatte motion to instruct conferees. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part of the House to disagree to any provision which will result in an increase in taxes.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The previous question was ordered without objection.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** On motion that the House instruct conferees Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 400 - 11 (Roll no. 175). (consideration: CR H2120-2121)
- **Apr 9, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Agriculture for consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except secs. 12001, 12201-12601, and 12701-12808), and modifications committed to conference: Peterson (MN), Holden, McIntyre, Etheridge, Boswell, Baca, Cardoza, Scott (GA), Goodlatte, Lucas, Moran (KS), Hayes, Musgrave, and Neugebauer.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Education and Labor for consideration of secs. 4303 and 4304 of the House bill, and secs. 4901-4905, 4911, and 4912 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Miller, George, McCarthy (NY), and Platts.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Energy and Commerce for consideration of secs. 6012, 6023, 6024, 6028, 6029, 9004, 9005, and 9017 of the House bill, and secs. 6006, 6012, 6110-6112, 6202, 6302, 7044, 7049, 7307, 7507, 9001, 11060, 11072, 11087, and 11101-11103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Dingell, Pallone, and Barton (TX).
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Financial Services for consideration of sec. 11310 of the House bill, and secs. 6501-6505, 11068, and 13107 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Kanjorski, Waters, and Bachus.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Foreign Affairs for consideration of secs. 3001-3008, 3010-3014, and 3016 of the House bill, and secs. 3001-3022, 3101-3107, and 3201-3204 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Berman, Sherman, and Ros-Lehtinen.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of secs. 11102, 11312, and 11314 of the House bill, and secs. 5402, 10103, 10201, 10203, 10205, 11017, 11069, 11076, 13102, and 13104 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Conyers, Scott (VA), and Smith (TX).

- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Natural Resources for consideration of secs. 2313, 2331, 2341, 2405, 2607, 2607A, 2611, 5401, 6020, 7033, 7311, 8101, 8112, 8121-8127, 8204, 8205, 11063, and 11075 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Rahall, Bordallo, and McMorris Rodgers.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for consideration of secs. 1501 and 7109 of the House bill, and secs. 7020, 7313, 7314, 7316, 7502, 8126, 8205, and 10201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Waxman, Towns, and Jordan.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Science and Technology for consideration of secs. 4403, 9003, 9006, 9010, 9015, 9019, and 9020 of the House bill, and secs. 7039, 7051, 7315, 7501, and 9001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Gordon, Lampson, and McCaul (TX).
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Small Business for consideration of subtitle D of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Velazquez, Shuler, and Chabot.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of secs. 2203, 2301, 6019, and 6020 of the House bill, and secs. 2604, 6029, 6030, 6034, and 11087 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Oberstar, Norton, and Graves.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of sec. 1303 and title XII of the House bill, and secs. 12001-12601, and 12701-12808 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Rangel, Pomeroy, and McCrery.
- **Apr 9, 2008:** The Speaker appointed conferees For consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except secs. 12001, 12201-12601, and 12701-12808), and modifications committed to conference: DeLauro and Putnam.
- **Feb 5, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Feb 4, 2008:** Senate appointed conferee(s) Harkin; Leahy; Conrad; Baucus; Lincoln; Stabenow; Chambliss; Lugar; Cochran; Roberts; Grassley.
- **Dec 14, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S15622-15641)
- **Dec 14, 2007:** Pursuant to the order of December 13, 2007, the following managers' package was agreed to: SA 3855.
- **Dec 14, 2007:** Cloture motion on the bill withdrawn by unanimous consent in Senate.
- **Dec 14, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 79 - 14. Record Vote Number: 434.
- **Dec 14, 2007:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 79 - 14. Record Vote Number: 434.
- **Dec 14, 2007:** Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S15380-15385, S15390-15421, S15433-15452)
- **Dec 12, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S15179-15224)
- **Dec 11, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S15090-15098, S15098-15128)
- **Dec 10, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S15040-15058)
- **Dec 7, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S15013-15025)
- **Dec 5, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S14774-14777)
- **Nov 16, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S14592)
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S14435-14438, S14439-14443, S14445-14446, S14453-14460, S14465, S14574-14575)
- **Nov 14, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S14366, S14368-14373, S14374-14375, S14387-14390)
- **Nov 14, 2007:** Cloture motion on the bill presented in Senate. (consideration: CR S14387; text: CR S14387)
- **Nov 13, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S14254-14257, S14266-14273)
- **Nov 8, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S14118-14139)
- **Nov 6, 2007:** Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR S13947-13981)
- **Nov 6, 2007:** Motion by Senator Reid to commit to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry with instructions to report back forthwith, with the following amendment (SA 3512) made in Senate.
- **Nov 5, 2007:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S13743-13763)
- **Sep 5, 2007:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 339.
- **Sep 4, 2007:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8747-8757)
- **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Goodlatte amendment.

- Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cardoza amendment, pending reservation of a point of order.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boustany amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jackson-Lee amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Peterson (MN) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rangel amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Rangel amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Ros-Lehtinen demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Boehner amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Boehner amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Boehner demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8757-8768)
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Manzullo amendment, as modified.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Welch (VT) amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Blumenauer amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Arcuri amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Davis (IL) amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Davis (IL) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Davis (IL) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Peterson (MN) en bloc amendments.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** Mr. Peterson (MN) moved that the Committee rise.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** On motion that the Committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** ORDER OF PROCEDURE - Mr. Peterson (MN) asked unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2419 pursuant to H. Res. 547, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting under clause 6 of rule 18 and clauses 8 and 9 of rule 20. Agreed to without objection.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8769)
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Udall (CO) amendment.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Udall (CO) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Udall (CO) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
 - **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10

minutes of debate on the Putnam amendment.

- **Jul 27, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Putnam amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Putnam demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cooper amendment.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Cooper amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Cooper demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 2419.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H8785)
- **Jul 27, 2007:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (consideration: CR 7/30/2007 H8960-9036; text: CR H8960-9036)
- **Jul 27, 2007:** Mr. Goodlatte moved to recommit with instructions to Agriculture. (consideration: CR H8786)
- **Jul 27, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Goodlatte motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House promptly with the following amendments striking the two titles designated as XII in the amendments contained in part A of House Report 110-261 and adopt such amendments as may be necessary to comply with the Committee on Agriculture allocation under H.Con.Res. 99 of the 110th Congress.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H8787-8788)
- **Jul 27, 2007:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 198 - 223 (Roll no. 755).
- **Jul 27, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 231 - 191 (Roll no. 756).
- **Jul 27, 2007:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 231 - 191 (Roll no. 756).
- **Jul 27, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 27, 2007:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2419.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 574 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2419 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Rule H. Res. 574 passed House.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 574. (consideration: CR H8687-8699, CR 7/27/2007 H8601-8730)
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2419 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Agriculture now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 574 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Ellen O. Tauscher to act as Chairwoman of the Committee.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 2419.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 40 minutes of debate on the Kind amendment.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Kind amendment, the Chair put the

question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Kind demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

- **Jul 26, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Peterson(MN) En Bloc amendments.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** MODIFICATION OF EN BLOC - Pursuant to the order of the House on July 27, 2007, Part B amendment numbered 9 was removed from en bloc consideration and subsequently offered as a free standing amendment on July 27, 2007.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 574, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Frank (MA) amendment.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** Mr. Peterson (MN) moved that the committee rise.
- **Jul 26, 2007:** On motion that the committee rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Mr. Peterson (MN) asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture have until midnight on July 23 to file a report on H.R. 2419. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Agriculture. H. Rept. 110-256, Part I.
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged.
- **Jul 23, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 164.
- **Jul 19, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 19, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 14, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 14, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 7, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 7, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Jun 6, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 6, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **May 31, 2007:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **May 24, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 24, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **May 22, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 22, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **May 22, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research.
- **May 22, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management.
- **May 22, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture.
- **May 22, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **May 22, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture.
- **May 22, 2007:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 22, 2007:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .