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To terminate marketing orders regulating the price of milk at the end of 1995 and to provide for the gradual reduction and eventual elimination of the price support program for milk.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETRI (for himself, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ZIMER, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. HOKE, and Mr. JACOBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PRICE SUPPORT AND MARKETING ORDERS**

4 **FOR MILK.**

5 (a) REDUCTION AND ELIMINATION OF MILK PRICE
6 SUPPORT.—Subsection (b) of section 204 of the Agricul-
7 tural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1446e) is amended by striking

1 "rate not less than \$10.10 per hundredweight for milk
2 containing 3.67 percent milkfat." and inserting "rate per
3 hundredweight for milk containing 3.67 percent milkfat
4 of not less than—

5 "(1) during calendar year 1995, \$10.10 per
6 hundredweight;

7 "(2) during calendar year 1996, \$9.60 per hun-
8 dredweight;

9 "(3) during calendar year 1997, \$9.10 per hun-
10 dredweight;

11 "(4) during calendar year 1998, \$8.60 per hun-
12 dredweight; and

13 "(5) during calendar year 1999, \$8.10 per hun-
14 dredweight.".

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS REGARDING PRICE
16 SUPPORT.—

17 (1) REFERENCES TO SUPPORT RATE.—Section
18 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C.
19 1446e) is further amended—

20 (A) in subsection (c)(2), by striking "a 12-
21 month period" and inserting "a calendar year";

22 (B) in subsection (c)(3)(B)(ii), by inserting
23 before the period the following: "(as adjusted
24 by the Secretary to reflect the rate of price sup-
25 port in effect for a calendar year)";

1 (C) by striking subsection (d), except para-
2 graph (5) of such subsection;

3 (D) by redesignating such paragraph (5)
4 as subsection (d) and subparagraphs (A) and
5 (B) as paragraphs (1) and (2) of such sub-
6 section; and

10 (2) PERIOD OF PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM.—

11 Such section is further amended—

12 (A) in the section heading, by striking
13 “1996” and inserting “1999”;

14 (B) in subsections (a), (b) (the first place
15 it appears), (g), and (k), by striking "1996"
16 and inserting "1999";

17 (C) in subsection (c)(3)(B), by striking
18 “the date of enactment of the Omnibus Budget
19 Reconciliation Act of 1993” and inserting “Au-
20 gust 10, 1993”; and

21 (D) in subsection (f), by striking “1995”
22 and inserting “1998”.

23 (3) TERMINATION OF PARITY PRICE PRO-
24 GRAM.—Effective December 31, 1999, section 201

1 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1446) is amended by striking
2 subsection (c).

3 (4) PROHIBITION ON PRICE SUPPORT ACTIVI-
4 TIES.—After December 31, 1999, the Secretary of
5 Agriculture may not support the price of milk
6 through the purchase of milk or the products of
7 milk.

8 (c) TERMINATION OF MILK MARKETING ORDERS.—

9 (1) TERMINATION OF ORDERS.—Section 8c of
10 the Agricultural Adjustment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c),
11 reenacted with amendments by the Agricultural
12 Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, is amended by
13 striking paragraphs (5) and (18) relating to milk
14 and its products.

15 (2) PROHIBITION ON SUBSEQUENT ORDERS RE-
16 GARDING MILK.—Paragraph (2) of such section is
17 amended—

18 (A) by striking “Milk, fruits” and inserting
19 “Fruits”; and

20 (B) by inserting “milk,” after “honey,” in
21 subparagraph (B).

22 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) Section
23 2(3) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 602(3) is amended by
24 striking “, other than milk and its products.”

3 (i) in paragraph (6), by striking “, other
4 than milk and its products.”;

11 (iv) in paragraph (13)(A), by striking “,
12 except to a retailer in his capacity as a retailer
13 of milk and its products”; and

14 (v) in paragraph (17), by striking the sec-
15 ond proviso, which relates to milk orders.

16 (C) Section 8d(2) of such Act (7 U.S.C.
17 608d(2)) is amended by striking the second sen-
18 tence, which relates to information from milk han-
19 dlers.

20 (D) Section 10(b) of such Act (7 U.S.C.
21 610(b)) is amended—

22 (i) by striking clause (i);

23 (ii) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii)
24 as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively; and

1 (iii) in clause (i) (as so redesignated), by
2 striking “other commodity” in the first sen-
3 tence and inserting “commodity”.

4 (E) Section 11 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 611) is
5 amended by striking “and milk, and its products.”.

6 (F) Section 715 of the Agriculture, Rural De-
7 velopment, Food and Drug Administration, and Re-
8 lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 1994 (Public
9 Law 103-111; 107 Stat. 1079; 7 U.S.C. 608d note),
10 is amended by striking the third proviso, which re-
11 lates to information from milk handlers.

15 (d) ADJUSTMENT OF RECONCILIATION ASSESSMENT
16 To REFLECT AMENDMENTS.—Subsection (h) of section
17 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1446e) is
18 amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking "Beginning
20 January 1, 1991" and inserting "During calendar
21 years 1991 through 1999";

22 (2) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking "1997"
23 and inserting "1999"; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(4) PRICE REDUCTION ADJUSTMENT.—During
2 each of the calendar years 1996 through 1999, the
3 Secretary shall reduce the amount of the price re-
4 duction specified in paragraph (2)(C) to reflect the
5 reduced expenditures by the United States resulting
6 from the termination of milk marketing orders is-
7 sued under section 8c of the Agricultural Adjust-
8 ment Act (7 U.S.C. 608c), reenacted with amend-
9 ments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act
10 of 1937, and the rate of price support for milk in
11 effect for that calendar year.”.

12 (e) LIABILITY OF PRODUCERS.—The amendments
13 made by this section shall not affect the liability of any
14 person under any provision of law as in effect before the
15 effective date of the amendments.

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