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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 1995

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REPEAL OF PRICE SUPPORT, ACREAGE ALLOT-**
2 **MENT, AND MARKETING QUOTA AUTHORI-**
3 **TIES OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

4 (a) PRICE SUPPORT UNDER AGRICULTURAL ACT OF
5 1949.—The Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1421 et
6 seq.) is repealed.

7 (b) PRICE SUPPORT AUTHORITY OF COMMODITY
8 CREDIT CORPORATION.—Section 5 of the Commodity
9 Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c) is
10 amended by striking subsection (a).

11 (c) ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS AND MARKETING
12 QUOTAS.—Title III of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of
13 1938 (7 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) is repealed.

14 (d) PROHIBITION ON FUTURE PROVISION OF PRICE
15 SUPPORT.—For any agricultural commodity for the 1996
16 and subsequent crop years, the Secretary of Agriculture
17 may not make price support available, whether in the form
18 of loans, payments, purchases, or other operations, by
19 using the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

20 (e) LIABILITY OF PRODUCERS.—The amendments
21 made by this section shall not affect the liability of any
22 person under any provision of law as in effect before the
23 effective date of this section.

24 (f) EFFECT ON PRIOR CROPS.—The amendments
25 made by this section shall not affect the authority of the
26 Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a price support or

1 production adjustment program for any of the 1991
2 through 1995 crops of an agricultural commodity estab-
3 lished under a provision of law in effect immediately before
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

5 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO ISSUE MARKETING OR-
6 DERS AND EXISTING MARKETING ORDERS.**

7 (a) REPEAL.—Part 2 of title I of the Agricultural Ad-
8 justment Act (7 U.S.C. 608–624), reenacted with amend-
9 ments by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of
10 1937, is repealed.

11 (b) EFFECT OF REPEAL.—Immediately upon the en-
12 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall ter-
13 minate all marketing agreements and marketing authori-
14 ties issued pursuant to the authority provided in the Agri-
15 cultural Adjustment Act, reenacted with amendments by
16 the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.

17 **SEC. 3. FARMERS SUPPORT FUND.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
19 on the books of the Treasury an account to be known as
20 the “Farmers Support Fund”, which shall consist of such
21 amounts as are authorized for and appropriated to the
22 fund.

23 (b) USE OF FUND.—In such amounts as are provided
24 in advance in appropriation Acts, the Secretary of Agri-
25 culture shall use amounts in the Farmers Support Fund

1 to provide financial assistance to persons who are actively
2 engaged in the production of eligible agricultural commod-
3 ities and whose annual net income from all sources is less
4 than \$30,000.

5 (c) PERSON DEFINED.—The Secretary shall issue
6 regulations defining the term “person” as used in this sec-
7 tion, which shall conform, to the extent practicable, to the
8 regulations defining the term “person” issued under sec-
9 tion 1001 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C.
10 1308).

11 (d) ELIGIBLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.—In
12 this section, the term “eligible agricultural commodities”
13 means those agricultural commodities for which price sup-
14 port was available under the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7
15 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.) for the crops years 1991 through
16 1995.

17 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
18 authorized to be appropriated to the Farmers Support
19 Fund \$200,000,000.

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