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Kingston	Ney	Sherman
Klecza	Northup	Shimkus
Knollenberg	Oberstar	Shuster
Kolbe	Obey	Sisisky
Kucinich	Olver	Skaggs
LaFalce	Ortiz	Skeen
LaHood	Oxley	Skelton
Lampson	Packard	Slaughter
Lantos	Pallone	Smith (MI)
Latham	Pappas	Smith (NJ)
LaTourette	Parker	Smith (TX)
Lazio	Pascrell	Smith, Adam
Leach	Pastor	Smith, Linda
Levin	Paul	Snowbarger
Lewis (GA)	Paxon	Snyder
Lewis (KY)	Payne	Solomon
Linder	Pease	Spence
Lipinski	Peterson (PA)	Spratt
Livingston	Petri	Stabenow
LoBiondo	Pickering	Stark
Lofgren	Pickett	Stearns
Lowey	Pitts	Stokes
Lucas	Pomeroy	Strickland
Luther	Porter	Stump
Maloney (CT)	Portman	Stupak
Manton	Price (NC)	Talent
Manzullo	Pryce (OH)	Tanner
Markey	Quinn	Tauscher
Martinez	Radanovich	Tauzin
Mascara	Ramstad	Taylor (NC)
Matsui	Rangel	Thomas
McCarthy (MO)	Redmond	Thompson
McCarthy (NY)	Regula	Thornberry
McCollum	Reyes	Thune
McCrery	Riggs	Tiahrt
McDade	Riley	Tierney
McDermott	Rivers	Torres
McGovern	Rodriguez	Torres
McHugh	Roemer	Towns
McInnis	Rogan	Trafficant
McIntosh	Rogers	Turner
McIntyre	Ros-Lehtinen	Upton
McKeon	Rothman	Velazquez
McNulty	Roukema	Vento
Meehan	Roybal-Allard	Visclosky
Menendez	Rush	Walsh
Metcalf	Ryun	Wamp
Mica	Sabo	Waters
Millender-	Salmon	Watkins
McDonald	Sanchez	Watt (NC)
Miller (FL)	Sanders	Watts (OK)
Mink	Sandlin	Waxman
Moakley	Sanford	Weldon (FL)
Mollohan	Sawyer	Weldon (PA)
Moran (KS)	Saxton	Weller
Moran (VA)	Schaefer, Dan	Wexler
Morella	Schaffer, Bob	White
Murtha	Scott	Wicker
Myrick	Sensenbrenner	Wise
Nadler	Serrano	Wolf
Neal	Sessions	Woolsey
Nethercutt	Shaw	Wynn
Neumann	Shays	Yates
		Young (FL)

NAYS—34

Baesler	Graham	Rohrabacher
Ballenger	Jones	Scarborough
Barton	Klink	Shadegg
Burr	Klug	Souder
Coble	Largent	Stenholm
Condit	McHale	Sununu
Costello	Miller (CA)	Taylor (MS)
Deal	Minge	Thurman
DeFazio	Norwood	Whitfield
Deutsch	Nussle	Young (AK)
Ganske	Peterson (MN)	
Goode	Poshard	

NOT VOTING—32

Baldacci	Foglietta	Meek
Barr	Gephardt	Owens
Becerra	Gilman	Pelosi
Bilbray	Gonzalez	Pombo
Brown (FL)	Greenwood	Rahall
Coburn	Hefley	Royce
Conyers	Hilliard	Schiff
Cubin	Hunter	Schumer
Dicks	Lewis (CA)	Smith (OR)
Dixon	Maloney (NY)	Weygand
Dooley	McKinney	

The Clerk announced the following pair:

On this vote:

Mr. Smith of Oregon for, with Mrs. Cubin against.

Messrs. GRAHAM, DEUTSCH, BAESLER, NORWOOD, KLINK, and SHADEGG changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. SNOWBARGER changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in getting back from my district, and missed rollcall vote No. 490. But had I been present and voting, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 490, on the Rule House Resolution 232, calling up the Agriculture Appropriations Act Conference Agreement for FY 1998.

The SPEAKER pro tempore [Mr. SHAW]. Pursuant to House Resolution 232, House Concurrent Resolution 167 is considered as adopted.

The text of House Concurrent Resolution 167 is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 167

"Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That in the enrollment of H.R. 2160 the Clerk of the House shall, in title IV, in the item relating to 'Domestic Food Programs—Food Stamp Program', strike the period and insert the following: *' Provided further,* That none of the funds made available under this heading shall be used for studies and evaluations.'"

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 629, TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT CONSENT ACT

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-299) on the resolution (H.Res. 258) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 629) to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2160, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 232, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2160)

making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the conference report is considered as having been read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of September 17, 1997, at page H7509.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. SKEEN] and the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. SKEEN].

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2160 and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present to the House a conference report on H.R. 2160, providing appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies.

Mr. Speaker, the House voted overwhelmingly in favor of this bill on July 24. Since then, we were given an additional \$100 million in the combined allocation process with the Senate. That money has been spent on rural development, research, and conservation, making it an even stronger bill than before while still remaining within our revised allocation.

Mr. Speaker, this bill benefits every American every day, and this is incorporated in this bill. It is truly a bipartisan bill. All of our subcommittee members and many other Members from both sides of the aisle have helped put this bill together, which I think was reflected in the earlier House vote.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON], the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. OBEY], and the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR], the distinguished subcommittee ranking member, for their support. I ask my colleagues to send this conference report on to the Senate and the President with a strong "yes" vote.

**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998 (H.R. 2160)**

	FY 1997 Enacted	FY 1998 Estimate	House	Senate	Conference	Conference compared with enacted
TITLE I - AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS						
Production, Processing, and Marketing						
Office of the Secretary.....	2,836,000	2,872,000	2,836,000	2,836,000	2,836,000	
Executive Operations:						
Chief Economist.....	4,231,000	5,308,000	4,844,000	5,252,000	5,048,000	+ 817,000
Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture.....		1,100,000				
National Appeals Division.....	11,718,000	13,359,000	11,718,000	12,360,000	11,718,000	
Office of Budget and Program Analysis.....	5,986,000	5,918,000	5,986,000	5,986,000	5,986,000	
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization 1/.....		795,000		783,000		
Office of Chief Information Officer.....		4,828,000	4,773,000	4,773,000	4,773,000	+ 4,773,000
Total, Executive Operations.....	21,935,000	31,308,000	27,321,000	29,154,000	27,525,000	+ 5,590,000
Chief Financial Officer.....	4,283,000	4,718,000	4,283,000	4,283,000	4,283,000	
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.....	613,000	621,000	613,000	613,000	613,000	
Agriculture buildings and facilities (USDA).....	144,053,000	131,085,000	141,085,000	131,085,000	131,085,000	-12,968,000
Payments to GSA.....	(103,754,000)	(98,600,000)	(98,600,000)	(98,600,000)	(98,600,000)	(-5,154,000)
Building operations and maintenance.....	(16,794,000)	(24,785,000)	(24,785,000)	(24,785,000)	(24,785,000)	(+ 7,991,000)
Repairs, renovations, and construction.....	(23,505,000)	(5,000,000)	(15,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(-18,505,000)
Relocation expenses.....		(2,700,000)	(2,700,000)	(2,700,000)	(2,700,000)	(+ 2,700,000)
Hazardous waste management.....	15,700,000	25,000,000	20,000,000	15,700,000	15,700,000	
Departmental administration.....	30,529,000	25,258,000	27,231,000	26,948,000	27,231,000	-3,298,000
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.....	3,668,000	3,714,000	3,668,000	3,668,000	3,668,000	
Office of Communications.....	8,138,000	8,279,000	8,138,000	8,138,000	8,138,000	
Office of the Inspector General.....	63,028,000	65,259,000	63,128,000	63,728,000	63,128,000	+ 100,000
Office of the General Counsel.....	27,749,000	29,449,000	27,949,000	29,098,000	28,524,000	+ 775,000
Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics.....	540,000	547,000	540,000	540,000	540,000	
Economic Research Service.....	53,109,000	54,310,000	71,604,000	53,109,000	71,604,000	+ 18,495,000
National Agricultural Statistics Service.....	100,221,000	119,877,000	116,861,000	118,048,000	118,048,000	+ 17,827,000
Census of Agriculture.....	(17,500,000)	(36,327,000)	(36,140,000)	(36,327,000)	(36,327,000)	(+ 18,827,000)
Agricultural Research Service.....	716,826,000	726,797,000	725,059,000	738,000,000	744,605,000	+ 27,779,000
Buildings and facilities.....	69,100,000	59,300,000	59,000,000	69,100,000	80,630,000	+ 11,530,000
Total, Agricultural Research Service.....	785,926,000	786,097,000	784,059,000	807,100,000	825,235,000	+ 39,309,000
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service:						
Research and education activities.....	421,504,000	422,342,000	421,223,000	427,526,000	431,410,000	+ 9,906,000
Native Americans Institutions Endowment Fund.....	(4,600,000)	(4,600,000)	(4,600,000)	(4,600,000)	(4,600,000)	
Buildings and facilities.....	61,591,000					-61,591,000
Extension Activities.....	426,273,000	417,811,000	415,110,000	423,322,000	423,376,000	-2,897,000
Total, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.....	909,368,000	840,153,000	836,333,000	850,848,000	854,786,000	-54,582,000
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.....	618,000	625,000	618,000	618,000	618,000	
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service:						
Salaries and expenses.....	434,909,000	424,491,000	424,244,000	437,183,000	426,282,000	-8,627,000
AQI user fees 2/.....	(98,000,000)	(100,000,000)	(88,000,000)	(100,000,000)	(88,000,000)	(-10,000,000)
Buildings and facilities.....	3,200,000	7,200,000	3,200,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	+ 1,000,000
Total, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.....	438,109,000	431,691,000	427,444,000	441,383,000	430,482,000	-7,627,000
Agricultural Marketing Service:						
Marketing Services.....	38,507,000	49,786,000	45,592,000	49,627,000	46,592,000	+ 8,085,000
New user fees.....	(3,887,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)	(+ 113,000)
(Limitation on administrative expenses, from fees collected).....	(59,012,000)	(59,521,000)	(59,521,000)	(59,521,000)	(59,521,000)	(+ 509,000)
Funds for strengthening markets, income, and supply (transfer from section 32).....	10,576,000	10,690,000	10,690,000	10,690,000	10,690,000	+ 114,000
Payments to states and possessions.....	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	
Total, Agricultural Marketing Service.....	50,283,000	61,676,000	57,482,000	61,517,000	58,482,000	+ 8,199,000
Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.....	23,128,000	25,722,000	23,928,000	23,583,000	23,928,000	+ 800,000
Inspection and Weighing Services (limitation on administrative expenses, from fees collected).....	(43,207,000)	(43,092,000)	(43,092,000)	(43,092,000)	(43,092,000)	(-115,000)
Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety.....	446,000	583,000	446,000	446,000	446,000	
Food Safety and Inspection Service.....	574,000,000	591,209,000	589,263,000	590,614,000	589,263,000	+ 15,263,000
Lab accreditation fees 3/.....	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	
Total, Production, Processing, and Marketing.....	3,258,280,000	3,240,053,000	3,234,830,000	3,263,057,000	3,286,163,000	+ 27,883,000
Farm Assistance Programs						
Office of the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.....	572,000	580,000	572,000	572,000	572,000	

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APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998 (H.R. 2160) — continued**

	FY 1997 Enacted	FY 1998 Estimate	House	Senate	Conference	Conference compared with enacted
Farm Service Agency:						
Salaries and expenses	746,440,000	742,789,000	702,203,000	700,659,000	700,659,000	-45,781,000
(Transfer from export loans)	(589,000)	(648,000)	(589,000)	(589,000)	(589,000)	.....
(Transfer from P.L. 480)	(745,000)	(815,000)	(745,000)	(815,000)	(815,000)	(+ 70,000)
(Transfer from ACIF)	(208,446,000)	(209,861,000)	(208,446,000)	(209,861,000)	(209,861,000)	(+ 1,415,000)
Total, salaries and expenses	(956,220,000)	(954,113,000)	(911,983,000)	(911,924,000)	(911,924,000)	(-44,296,000)
State mediation grants	2,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	.....
Dairy indemnity program	100,000	100,000	350,000	550,000	550,000	+ 450,000
Total, Farm Service Agency	748,540,000	746,889,000	704,553,000	703,209,000	703,209,000	-45,331,000
Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account:						
Loan authorizations:						
Farm ownership loans:						
Direct	(50,000,000)	(30,828,000)	(30,828,000)	(60,000,000)	(60,000,000)	(+ 10,000,000)
Guaranteed	(550,000,000)	(400,000,000)	(400,000,000)	(400,000,000)	(400,000,000)	(-150,000,000)
Subtotal	(600,000,000)	(430,828,000)	(430,828,000)	(460,000,000)	(460,000,000)	(-140,000,000)
Farm operating loans:						
Direct	(495,071,000)	(450,000,000)	(450,000,000)	(495,000,000)	(495,000,000)	(-71,000)
Guaranteed unsubsidized	(1,700,000,000)	(1,700,000,000)	(1,700,000,000)	(1,700,000,000)	(1,700,000,000)	.....
Guaranteed subsidized	(200,000,000)	(200,000,000)	(191,701,000)	(200,000,000)	(200,000,000)	.....
Subtotal	(2,395,071,000)	(2,350,000,000)	(2,341,701,000)	(2,395,000,000)	(2,395,000,000)	(-71,000)
Indian tribe land acquisition loans	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(500,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	.....
Emergency disaster loans	(25,000,000)	(25,000,000)	(25,000,000)	(25,000,000)	(25,000,000)	.....
Boll weevil eradication loans	(34,653,000)	.....	(34,653,000)	(34,653,000)	(34,653,000)	.....
Credit sales of acquired property	(25,000,000)	(25,000,000)	(19,432,000)	(25,000,000)	(25,000,000)	.....
Total, Loan authorizations	(3,080,724,000)	(2,831,828,000)	(2,852,114,000)	(2,940,653,000)	(2,940,653,000)	(-140,071,000)
Loan subsidies:						
Farm ownership loans:						
Direct	5,920,000	4,020,000	4,020,000	5,940,000	5,940,000	+ 20,000
Guaranteed	22,055,000	15,440,000	15,440,000	15,440,000	15,440,000	-6,615,000
Subtotal	27,975,000	19,460,000	19,460,000	21,380,000	21,380,000	-6,595,000
Farm operating loans:						
Direct	65,450,000	29,565,000	29,565,000	32,224,500	32,224,000	-33,226,000
Guaranteed unsubsidized	19,210,000	19,890,000	19,210,000	19,890,000	19,890,000	+ 680,000
Guaranteed subsidized	18,480,000	19,280,000	18,480,000	19,280,000	19,280,000	+ 800,000
Subtotal	103,140,000	68,735,000	67,255,000	71,394,500	71,394,000	-31,746,000
Indian tribe land acquisition	54,000	132,000	86,000	132,000	132,000	+ 78,000
Emergency disaster loans	6,365,000	6,008,000	6,008,000	6,008,000	6,008,000	-357,000
Boll weevil loans subsidy	499,000	.....	500,000	249,500	250,000	-249,000
Credit sales of acquired property	2,530,000	3,255,000	2,530,000	3,255,000	3,255,000	+ 725,000
Total, Loan subsidies	140,563,000	97,590,000	95,819,000	102,419,000	102,419,000	-38,144,000
ACIF expenses:						
Salaries and expense (transfer to FSA)	208,446,000	209,861,000	208,446,000	209,861,000	209,861,000	+ 1,415,000
Administrative expenses	12,600,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	-2,600,000
Total, ACIF expenses	221,046,000	219,861,000	218,446,000	219,861,000	219,861,000	-1,185,000
Total, Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund	361,609,000	317,451,000	314,265,000	322,280,000	322,280,000	-39,329,000
(Loan authorization)	(3,080,724,000)	(2,831,828,000)	(2,852,114,000)	(2,940,653,000)	(2,940,653,000)	(-140,071,000)
Risk Management Agency:						
Administrative and operating expenses	64,000,000	68,465,000	65,000,000	64,000,000	64,000,000	.....
Sales commission of agents .....	.....	202,571,000	188,571,000	202,571,000	188,571,000	+ 188,571,000
Total, Risk Management Agency	64,000,000	271,036,000	253,571,000	266,571,000	252,571,000	+ 188,571,000
Total, Farm Assistance Programs	1,174,721,000	1,335,956,000	1,272,961,000	1,292,632,000	1,278,632,000	+ 103,911,000
Corporations						
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation:						
Federal crop insurance corporation fund	1,785,013,000	1,584,135,000	1,584,135,000	1,584,135,000	1,584,135,000	-200,878,000
Commodity Credit Corporation Fund:						
Reimbursement for net realized losses	1,500,000,000	783,507,000	783,507,000	783,507,000	783,507,000	-716,493,000
Hazardous waste (limitation on administrative expenses)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)	.....
Total, Corporations	3,285,013,000	2,367,642,000	2,367,642,000	2,367,642,000	2,367,642,000	-917,371,000

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APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998 (H.R. 2160) — continued**

	FY 1997 Enacted	FY 1998 Estimate	House	Senate	Conference	Conference compared with enacted
Total, title I, Agricultural Programs	7,718,014,000	6,943,651,000	6,875,433,000	6,923,331,000	6,932,437,000	-785,577,000
(By transfer)	(209,780,000)	(211,324,000)	(209,780,000)	(211,265,000)	(211,265,000)	(+1,485,000)
(Loan authorization)	(3,080,724,000)	(2,831,828,000)	(2,852,114,000)	(2,940,653,000)	(2,940,653,000)	(-140,071,000)
(Limitation on administrative expenses)	(107,219,000)	(107,613,000)	(107,613,000)	(107,613,000)	(107,613,000)	(+394,000)
TITLE II - CONSERVATION PROGRAMS						
Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment	693,000	702,000	693,000	693,000	693,000	.....
Natural Resources Conservation Service:						
Conservation operations	619,742,000	722,268,000	610,000,000	729,880,000	633,231,000	+13,489,000
Watershed surveys and planning 4/	12,381,000	.....	10,000,000	.....	11,190,000	-1,191,000
Watershed and flood prevention operations 5/	101,036,000	40,000,000	101,036,000	40,000,000	101,036,000	.....
Resource conservation and development	29,377,000	47,700,000	29,377,000	44,700,000	34,377,000	+5,000,000
Forestry incentives program	6,325,000	6,325,000	6,325,000	6,325,000	6,325,000	.....
Outreach for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers	1,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	3,000,000	+2,000,000
Total, Natural Resources Conservation Service	769,861,000	821,293,000	758,738,000	824,905,000	789,159,000	+19,298,000
Total, title II, Conservation Programs	770,554,000	821,995,000	759,431,000	825,598,000	789,852,000	+19,298,000
TITLE III - RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS						
Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development	588,000	596,000	588,000	588,000	588,000	.....
Rural Housing Service:						
Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account:						
Loan authorizations:						
Single family (sec. 502)	(1,000,000,000)	(1,000,000,000)	(950,000,000)	(1,000,000,000)	(1,000,000,000)	.....
Unsubsidized guaranteed	(2,300,000,000)	(3,000,000,000)	(3,000,000,000)	(2,300,000,000)	(3,000,000,000)	(+700,000,000)
Housing repair (sec. 504)	(35,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(-5,000,000)
Farm labor (sec. 514)	(15,000,000)	(15,001,000)	(15,000,000)	(15,001,000)	(15,000,000)	.....
Rental housing (sec. 515)	(58,654,000)	(128,640,000)	(128,640,000)	(128,640,000)	(128,640,000)	(+69,986,000)
Multi-family housing guarantees (sec. 538) .....	.....	.....	(19,700,000)	(19,700,000)	(19,700,000)	(+19,700,000)
Site loans (sec. 524)	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	.....
Self-help housing land development fund	(600,000)	(587,000)	(587,000)	(587,000)	(587,000)	(-13,000)
Credit sales of acquired property	(50,000,000)	(25,004,000)	(25,000,000)	(25,004,000)	(25,000,000)	(-25,000,000)
Total, Loan authorizations	(3,459,854,000)	(4,199,832,000)	(4,169,527,000)	(3,519,532,000)	(4,219,527,000)	(+759,673,000)
Loan subsidies:						
Single family (sec. 502)	83,000,000	128,100,000	121,600,000	128,100,000	128,100,000	+45,100,000
Unsubsidized guaranteed	6,210,000	6,900,000	6,900,000	5,290,000	6,900,000	+690,000
Housing repair (sec. 504)	11,081,000	10,308,000	10,300,000	10,308,000	10,300,000	-781,000
Farm labor (sec. 514)	6,885,000	7,388,000	7,388,000	7,388,000	7,388,000	+503,000
Rental housing (sec. 515)	28,987,000	68,745,000	68,745,000	68,745,000	68,745,000	+39,758,000
Multi-family housing guarantees (sec. 538) .....	.....	.....	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	+1,200,000
Self-help housing land development fund	17,000	20,000	17,000	20,000	17,000	.....
Credit sales of acquired property	4,050,000	3,493,000	3,492,000	3,493,000	3,492,000	-558,000
Total, Loan subsidies	140,230,000	224,954,000	219,642,000	224,544,000	228,142,000	+85,912,000
RHIF administrative expenses (transfer to RHS)	366,205,000	354,785,000	354,785,000	354,785,000	354,785,000	-11,420,000
Rental assistance program:						
(Sec. 521)	487,970,000	535,497,000	487,970,000	535,497,000	535,497,000	+47,527,000
(Sec. 502(c)(5)(D))	5,900,000	5,900,000	5,900,000	5,900,000	5,900,000	.....
Convert from HUD's section 8 contracts to USDA's section 521 .....	.....	52,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, Rental assistance program	493,870,000	593,397,000	493,870,000	541,397,000	541,397,000	+47,527,000
Total, Rural Housing Insurance Fund	1,000,305,000	1,173,136,000	1,068,297,000	1,120,726,000	1,122,324,000	+122,019,000
(Loan authorization)	(3,459,854,000)	(4,199,832,000)	(4,169,527,000)	(3,519,532,000)	(4,219,527,000)	(+759,673,000)
Mutual and self-help housing grants 6/	26,000,000	.....	26,000,000	26,000,000	26,000,000	.....
Rural community fire protection grants .....	.....	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,285,000	2,000,000	+2,000,000
Rural housing assistance program	130,433,000	.....	86,488,000	.....	.....	-130,433,000
Rural housing assistance grants .....	.....	70,900,000	.....	45,720,000	45,720,000	+45,720,000
Subtotal, grants and payments	156,433,000	72,900,000	114,488,000	73,005,000	73,720,000	-82,713,000
RHS expenses:						
Administrative expenses	60,743,000	58,804,000	58,804,000	58,804,000	58,804,000	-1,939,000
(Transfer from RHIF)	(366,205,000)	(354,785,000)	(354,785,000)	(354,785,000)	(354,785,000)	(-11,420,000)
Total, RHS expenses	(426,948,000)	(413,589,000)	(413,589,000)	(413,589,000)	(413,589,000)	(-13,359,000)
Total, Rural Housing Service	1,217,481,000	1,304,840,000	1,241,589,000	1,252,535,000	1,254,848,000	+37,367,000
(Loan authorization)	(3,459,854,000)	(4,199,832,000)	(4,169,527,000)	(3,519,532,000)	(4,219,527,000)	(+759,673,000)

**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998 (H.R. 2160) — continued**

	FY 1997 Enacted	FY 1998 Estimate	House	Senate	Conference	Conference compared with enacted
Rural Business-Cooperative Service:						
Rural Development Loan Fund Program Account:						
(Loan authorization)	(37,544,000)	(35,000,000)	(35,000,000)	(40,000,000)	(35,000,000)	(-2,544,000)
Loan subsidy	17,270,000	16,888,000	16,888,000	19,200,000	16,888,000	-382,000
Administrative expenses (transfer to RBCS)		3,482,000	3,482,000	3,482,000	3,482,000	+3,482,000
Total, Rural Development Loan Fund	17,270,000	20,370,000	20,370,000	22,682,000	20,370,000	+3,100,000
Rural Economic Development Loans Program Account:						
(Loan authorization)	(12,865,000)	(25,000,000)	(25,000,000)	(12,865,000)	(25,000,000)	(+12,135,000)
Direct subsidy	2,830,000			3,076,000	5,978,000	+3,148,000
Administrative expenses (transfer to RBCS)	654,000					-654,000
By transfer from cushion of credit payments		(5,978,000)	(5,978,000)			
Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization						
Revolving Fund	7,000,000	10,000,000		10,000,000	7,000,000	
Rural cooperative development grants		3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	+3,000,000
Rural business-cooperative assistance 7/	51,400,000		51,400,000			-51,400,000
Rural community advancement program		688,570,000		644,259,000	652,197,000	+652,197,000
RBCS expenses:						
Salaries and expenses	25,680,000	27,482,000	25,680,000	25,680,000	25,680,000	
(Transfer from RDLFP)		(3,482,000)	(3,482,000)	(3,482,000)	(3,482,000)	(+3,482,000)
(Transfer from REDLP)	(654,000)					(-654,000)
Total, RBCS expenses	(26,334,000)	(30,964,000)	(29,162,000)	(29,162,000)	(29,162,000)	(+2,828,000)
Total, Rural Business-Cooperative Service	104,834,000	749,422,000	100,450,000	708,697,000	714,225,000	+609,391,000
(By transfer)	(654,000)	(9,460,000)	(9,460,000)	(3,482,000)	(3,482,000)	(+2,828,000)
(Loan authorization)	(50,409,000)	(60,000,000)	(60,000,000)	(52,865,000)	(60,000,000)	(+9,591,000)
Rural Utilities Service:						
Rural Electrification and Telecommunications Loans						
Program Account:						
Loan authorizations:						
Direct loans:						
Electric 5%	(125,000,000)	(125,000,000)	(125,000,000)	(125,000,000)	(125,000,000)	
Telecommunications 5%	(75,000,000)	(40,000,000)	(75,000,000)	(52,756,000)	(75,000,000)	
Subtotal	(200,000,000)	(165,000,000)	(200,000,000)	(177,756,000)	(200,000,000)	
Treasury rates: Telecommunications	(300,000,000)	(300,000,000)	(300,000,000)	(300,000,000)	(300,000,000)	
Muni-rate: Electric	(525,000,000)	(400,000,000)	(400,000,000)	(500,000,000)	(500,000,000)	(-25,000,000)
FFB loans:						
Electric, regular	(300,000,000)	(300,000,000)	(300,000,000)	(300,000,000)	(300,000,000)	
Telecommunications	(120,000,000)	(120,000,000)	(120,000,000)	(120,000,000)	(120,000,000)	
Subtotal	(420,000,000)	(420,000,000)	(420,000,000)	(420,000,000)	(420,000,000)	
Total, Loan authorizations	(1,445,000,000)	(1,285,000,000)	(1,320,000,000)	(1,397,756,000)	(1,420,000,000)	(-25,000,000)
Loan subsidies:						
Direct loans:						
Electric 5%	3,625,000	9,325,000	9,325,000	9,325,000	9,325,000	+5,700,000
Telecommunications 5%	1,193,000	1,568,000	3,136,000	2,068,000	2,940,000	+1,747,000
Subtotal	4,818,000	10,893,000	12,461,000	11,393,000	12,265,000	+7,447,000
Treasury rates: Telecommunications	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	
Muni-rate: Electric	28,245,000	16,880,000	16,880,000	21,100,000	21,100,000	-7,145,000
FFB loans: Electric, regular	2,790,000	2,760,000	2,760,000	2,760,000	2,760,000	-30,000
Total, Loan subsidies	35,913,000	30,593,000	32,161,000	35,313,000	36,185,000	+272,000
RETLP administrative expenses (transfer to RUS)	29,982,000	34,398,000	34,398,000	29,982,000	29,982,000	
Total, Rural Electrification and Telecommunications	65,895,000	64,991,000	66,559,000	65,295,000	66,167,000	+272,000
Loans Program Account						
(Loan authorization)	(1,445,000,000)	(1,285,000,000)	(1,320,000,000)	(1,397,756,000)	(1,420,000,000)	(-25,000,000)
Rural Telephone Bank Program Account:						
(Loan authorization)	(175,000,000)	(175,000,000)	(175,000,000)	(175,000,000)	(175,000,000)	
Direct loan subsidy	2,328,000	3,710,000	3,710,000	3,710,000	3,710,000	+1,382,000
RTP administrative expenses (transfer to RUS)	3,500,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	-500,000
Total	5,828,000	6,710,000	6,710,000	6,710,000	6,710,000	+882,000
Distance learning and medical link grants and loans:						
(Loan authorization)	(150,000,000)	(150,000,000)	(150,000,000)	(150,000,000)	(150,000,000)	
Direct loan subsidy	1,530,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-1,500,000
Grants	7,470,000	20,970,000	15,000,000	12,000,000	12,500,000	+5,030,000
Total	9,000,000	21,000,000	15,030,000	12,030,000	12,530,000	+3,530,000

**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998 (H.R. 2160) — continued**

	FY 1997 Enacted	FY 1998 Estimate	House	Senate	Conference	Conference compared with enacted
Rural utilities assistance program 7/	566,835,000		577,242,000			-566,835,000
RUS expenses:						
Salaries and expenses	33,195,000	33,000,000	33,000,000	33,000,000	33,000,000	-195,000
(Transfer from RETLP)	(29,982,000)	(34,398,000)	(34,398,000)	(29,982,000)	(29,982,000)	
(Transfer from RTP)	(3,500,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(-500,000)
Total, RUS expenses	(66,677,000)	(70,398,000)	(70,398,000)	(65,982,000)	(65,982,000)	(-695,000)
Total, Rural Utilities Service	680,853,000	125,701,000	698,541,000	117,035,000	118,407,000	-562,446,000
(By transfer)	(33,482,000)	(37,398,000)	(37,398,000)	(32,982,000)	(32,982,000)	(-500,000)
(Loan authorization)	(1,770,000,000)	(1,610,000,000)	(1,645,000,000)	(1,722,756,000)	(1,745,000,000)	(-25,000,000)
Total, title III, Rural Economic and Community Development Programs	2,003,756,000	2,180,559,000	2,041,168,000	2,078,855,000	2,088,068,000	+84,312,000
(By transfer)	(400,341,000)	(401,643,000)	(401,643,000)	(391,249,000)	(391,249,000)	(-9,092,000)
(Loan authorization)	(5,280,263,000)	(5,869,832,000)	(5,874,527,000)	(5,295,153,000)	(6,024,527,000)	(+744,264,000)
TITLE IV - DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS						
Office of the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services	454,000	560,000	454,000	454,000	554,000	+100,000
Food and Consumer Service:						
Child nutrition programs	3,219,544,000	2,617,375,000	2,543,555,000	2,617,675,000	2,612,675,000	-606,869,000
Discretionary spending		14,000,000	5,000,000		3,750,000	+3,750,000
Transfer from section 32	5,433,753,000	5,151,391,000	5,218,411,000	5,151,391,000	5,151,391,000	-282,362,000
Total, Child nutrition programs	8,653,297,000	7,782,766,000	7,766,966,000	7,769,066,000	7,767,816,000	-885,481,000
Special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC)	3,805,807,000	4,108,000,000	3,924,000,000	3,927,600,000	3,924,000,000	+118,193,000
Reserve		(100,000,000)				
Food stamp program:						
Expenses	26,244,029,000	23,747,479,000	23,736,479,000	23,747,479,000	23,736,479,000	-2,507,550,000
Reserve	100,000,000	2,500,000,000	100,000,000	1,000,000,000	100,000,000	
Nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico	1,174,000,000	1,204,000,000	1,204,000,000	1,204,000,000	1,204,000,000	+30,000,000
The emergency food assistance program 8/	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	
Total, Food stamp program	27,618,029,000	27,551,479,000	25,140,479,000	26,051,479,000	25,140,479,000	-2,477,550,000
Commodity assistance program	166,000,000	272,185,000	141,000,000	148,600,000	141,000,000	-25,000,000
Food donations programs for selected groups:						
Needy family program	1,250,000		1,165,000	1,165,000	1,165,000	-85,000
Elderly feeding program	140,000,000		145,000,000	140,000,000	140,000,000	
Total, Food donations programs 9/	141,250,000		146,165,000	141,165,000	141,165,000	-85,000
Food program administration	106,128,000	105,501,000	104,128,000	107,719,000	107,619,000	+1,491,000
The Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion 10/		2,499,000				
Total, Food and Consumer Service	40,490,511,000	39,822,410,000	37,222,738,000	38,145,629,000	37,222,079,000	-3,268,432,000
Total, title IV, Domestic Food Programs	40,490,965,000	39,822,970,000	37,223,192,000	38,146,083,000	37,222,633,000	-3,268,332,000
TITLE V - FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS						
Foreign Agricultural Service:						
Direct appropriation 11/	131,295,000	146,549,000	131,295,000	132,367,000	131,295,000	
(Transfer from export loans)	(3,231,000)	(3,327,000)	(3,231,000)	(3,231,000)	(3,231,000)	
(Transfer from P.L. 480)	(1,035,000)	(1,066,000)	(1,035,000)	(1,066,000)	(1,035,000)	
Total, Program level	(135,561,000)	(150,942,000)	(135,561,000)	(136,664,000)	(135,561,000)	
Public Law 480 Program Account:						
Title I - Credit sales:						
Program level	(240,805,000)	(123,149,000)	(238,048,000)	(247,530,000)	(244,508,000)	(+3,703,000)
Direct loans	(226,900,000)	(112,899,000)	(225,798,000)	(226,900,000)	(226,900,000)	
Ocean freight differential	13,905,000	10,250,000	12,250,000	20,630,000	17,608,000	+3,703,000
Title II - Commodities for disposition abroad:						
Program level	(837,000,000)	(837,000,000)	(837,000,000)	(837,000,000)	(837,000,000)	
Appropriation	837,000,000	837,000,000	837,000,000	837,000,000	837,000,000	
Title III - Commodity grants:						
Program level	(29,500,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(30,000,000)	(+500,000)
Appropriation	29,500,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	+500,000
Loan subsidies	185,589,000	87,869,000	175,738,000	176,596,000	176,596,000	-8,993,000
Salaries and expenses:						
General Sales Manager (transfer to FAS)	1,035,000	1,066,000	1,035,000	1,066,000	1,035,000	
Farm Service Agency (transfer to FSA)	745,000	815,000	745,000	815,000	815,000	+70,000
Subtotal	1,780,000	1,881,000	1,780,000	1,881,000	1,850,000	+70,000

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APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998 (H.R. 2160) — continued**

	FY 1997 Enacted	FY 1998 Estimate	House	Senate	Conference	Conference compared with enacted
Total, Public Law 480:						
Program level.....	(1,107,305,000)	(990,149,000)	(1,105,048,000)	(1,114,530,000)	(1,111,508,000)	(+ 4,203,000)
Appropriation.....	1,067,774,000	967,000,000	1,056,768,000	1,066,107,000	1,063,054,000	-4,720,000
CCC Export Loans Program Account:						
Loan guarantees: Short-term export credit.....	(5,500,000,000)	(5,500,000,000)	(5,500,000,000)	(5,500,000,000)	(5,500,000,000)	.....
Loan subsidy.....	390,305,000	527,546,000	527,546,000	527,546,000	527,546,000	+ 137,241,000
Emerging markets export credit.....	.....	(200,000,000)	(200,000,000)	(200,000,000)	(200,000,000)	(+ 200,000,000)
Salaries and expenses (Export Loans):						
General Sales Manager (transfer to FAS).....	3,231,000	3,327,000	3,231,000	3,231,000	3,231,000	.....
Farm Service Agency (transfer to FSA).....	589,000	648,000	589,000	589,000	589,000	.....
Total, CCC Export Loans Program Account.....	394,125,000	531,521,000	531,366,000	531,366,000	531,366,000	+ 137,241,000
Total, title V, Foreign Assistance and Related Programs.....	1,593,194,000	1,645,070,000	1,719,429,000	1,729,840,000	1,725,715,000	+ 132,521,000
(By transfer).....	(4,266,000)	(4,393,000)	(4,266,000)	(4,297,000)	(4,266,000)	.....
TITLE VI - RELATED AGENCIES AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION						
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES						
Food and Drug Administration						
Salaries and expenses, direct appropriation.....	819,971,000	750,922,000	852,501,000	873,057,000	857,501,000	+ 37,530,000
Prescription drug user fee act 12/.....	(87,528,000)	(91,204,000)	.....	(91,204,000)	(91,204,000)	(+ 3,676,000)
Mammography clinics user fee 12/.....	(13,403,000)	(13,966,000)	(13,966,000)	(13,966,000)	(13,966,000)	(+ 563,000)
New proposed user fees 12/.....	.....	(131,643,000)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, Program level.....	(920,902,000)	(987,735,000)	(866,467,000)	(978,227,000)	(962,671,000)	(+ 41,769,000)
Buildings and facilities.....	21,350,000	22,900,000	21,350,000	22,900,000	21,350,000	.....
Rental payments.....	46,294,000	46,294,000	46,294,000	46,294,000	46,294,000	.....
Total, Food and Drug Administration.....	887,615,000	820,116,000	920,145,000	942,251,000	925,145,000	+ 37,530,000
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY						
Financial Management Service: Payments to the Farm Credit System Financial Assistance Corporation.....	10,290,000	7,728,000	7,728,000	7,728,000	7,728,000	-2,562,000
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES						
Commodity Futures Trading Commission.....	55,101,000	60,101,000	57,101,000	60,101,000	58,101,000	+ 3,000,000
Farm Credit Administration (limitation on administrative expenses).....	(37,478,000)	(34,423,000)	(34,423,000)	(34,423,000)	(34,423,000)	(-3,055,000)
Total, title VI, Related Agencies and Food and Drug Administration.....	953,006,000	887,945,000	984,974,000	1,010,080,000	990,974,000	+ 37,968,000
TITLE VII - EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS						
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE						
Farm Service Agency						
Emergency conservation program.....	25,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	-25,000,000
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-18).....	23,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	-23,000,000
Natural Resources Conservation Service						
Watershed and flood prevention operations.....	63,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	-63,000,000
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-18).....	245,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	-245,000,000
Rural Utilities Service						
Emergency appropriations (P.L. 105-18).....	4,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	-4,000,000
Total, title VII:						
New budget (obligational) authority.....	360,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	-360,000,000
Grand total:						
New budget (obligational) authority.....	53,889,489,000	52,302,190,000	49,603,627,000	50,713,787,000	49,749,679,000	-4,139,810,000
Appropriations.....	(53,801,489,000)	(52,302,190,000)	(49,603,627,000)	(50,713,787,000)	(49,749,679,000)	(-4,051,810,000)
Emergency appropriations.....	(88,000,000)	.....	.....	.....	.....	(-88,000,000)
(By transfer).....	(614,387,000)	(617,360,000)	(615,689,000)	(606,811,000)	(606,780,000)	(-7,607,000)
(Loan authorization).....	(13,860,987,000)	(14,201,660,000)	(14,226,641,000)	(13,735,806,000)	(14,465,180,000)	(+ 604,193,000)
(Limitation on administrative expenses).....	(144,697,000)	(142,036,000)	(142,036,000)	(142,036,000)	(142,036,000)	(-2,661,000)

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APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998 (H.R. 2160) — continued**

	FY 1997 Enacted	FY 1998 Estimate	House	Senate	Conference	Conference compared with enacted
RECAPITULATION						
Title I - Agricultural programs	7,718,014,000	6,943,651,000	6,875,433,000	6,923,331,000	6,932,437,000	-785,577,000
Title II - Conservation programs	770,554,000	821,995,000	759,431,000	825,598,000	789,852,000	+ 19,298,000
Title III - Rural economic and community development programs	2,003,756,000	2,180,559,000	2,041,168,000	2,078,855,000	2,088,068,000	+ 84,312,000
Title IV - Domestic food programs.....	40,490,965,000	39,822,970,000	37,223,192,000	38,146,083,000	37,222,633,000	-3,268,332,000
Title V - Foreign assistance and related programs	1,593,194,000	1,645,070,000	1,719,429,000	1,729,840,000	1,725,715,000	+ 132,521,000
Title VI - Related agencies and Food and Drug Administration...	953,006,000	887,945,000	984,974,000	1,010,080,000	990,974,000	+37,968,000
Title VII - Emergency appropriations	360,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	-360,000,000
Total, new budget (obligational) authority	53,889,489,000	52,302,190,000	49,603,627,000	50,713,787,000	49,749,679,000	-4,139,810,000

1/ Funded under Departmental Administration in FY 1997.

2/ In addition, \$41 million is anticipated from Farm Bill direct appropriations.

3/ In addition to appropriation.

4/ Budget proposes to fund this account under Conservation Operations.

5/ Budget proposes to fund technical assistance for WFPO under Conservation Operations.

6/ Budget proposes to fund this account under the Rural Housing Assistance program.

7/ The Administration proposed funding for this account under the name "Rural community advancement program".

8/ Program created in Welfare Reform.

9/ Budget proposes to include funding for these programs under the Commodity Assistance Program in FY 1998.

10/ \$2,218,000 included under Food Program Administration in FY 1997.

11/ Includes \$10 million shift from mandatory spending for IRM activities.

12/ President's budget proposes collections to be used as revenues.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for their forbearance here. I feel privileged to join the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. SKEEN], our subcommittee chair, and all of our committee members in supporting this conference report on H.R. 2160, our fiscal year 1998 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies appropriation bill.

I just want to say that this bill truly represents a bipartisan, bicameral compromise in our efforts to provide critical support for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, and other agencies funded in this bill. This will help our Nation remain at the leading edge for food production, fuel production, fiber and forest production, as well as agricultural research, trade promotion, and food and drug safety.

Mr. Speaker, there cannot be too many places in this Congress where one is privileged to serve on a committee where in a week he can talk about windmills and lambing season, child nutrition, and coyotes all at the same time. We are very pleased that the additional funding that is included in this bill will help us on our important research programs, our conservation programs, and our rural housing and development programs. The agreement also fully funds the budget request for youth tobacco prevention and food safety initiatives under the Food and Drug Administration.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the very talented and hard-working subcommittee staff: Tim Sanders, Carol Murphy, John Ziolkowski, JoAnne Orndorf, Doug Lawrence, Sally Chahbourne, and Roberta Jeauquent. We all rely on these individuals' experience and expertise in agriculture programs; and without their help, we would not be on this floor today.

I have to say to the gentleman from New Mexico [Mr. SKEEN], my good friend, the chairman, I shall always remember that he has been the chair of this committee during the first year that I served as its ranking member, and these moments will remain among my treasured moments in this Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. STENHOLM].

(Mr. STENHOLM asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this conference report and commend those conferees who did an excellent job in making balanced the priorities.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I might just mention that we have one request for time on this side.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri [Mr. SKELTON].

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill. So often agriculture and so often rural America gets overlooked in the whole scheme of things.

This bill does an excellent job. I compliment the chairman and the ranking member on the bipartisan approach to this. The fact that it is agreed upon and is noncontroversial speaks well for the way agriculture is being treated, rural development is being handled, and as well as the agriculture research, which is so very, very important for the agriculture community, which in turn is important to all of America.

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to observe for the RECORD that the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. SKELTON] took off his field boots in order to give his remarks this afternoon. So we thank him very much for being down here on the floor.

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my strong support for H.R. 2160, the conference report on the fiscal year 1998 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. I am especially pleased that this conference report includes \$11.3 million for pediatric research conducted at the Children's Nutrition Research Center [CNRC] in Houston, which I represent. This funding level represents a \$500,000 increase over last year's bill and will be used to conduct critical nutrition research on children.

It is important that we provide sufficient funding for agricultural research programs, including nutrition research. This research has helped to lead to better and more effective strategies to improve children's health. I have worked closely with members of the Appropriations Committee and the Texas Congressional Delegation to secure this vital funding, and I wish to thank Subcommittee Chairman SKEEN and ranking member KAPTUR for their assistance.

The Children's Nutrition Research Center was founded in 1978 and operates in cooperation with Texas Children's Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine in the Texas Medical Center. It is a world leader in the field of pediatric nutrition, and its research has led to better health and reduced health care costs for children. For instance, some of its research has saved 40 percent of the cost of treating premature infants at Texas Children's Hospital by developing a better system for feeding without compromising nutritional intake. This system saves \$7,500 per infant and reduced the average hospital stay of premature infants by 3 days. The CNRC is currently conducting research on children's obesity, which may lead to more effective treatments to prevent such serious diseases as atherosclerosis, osteoporosis, and diabetes.

This conference report also includes critical funding for many nutrition programs, including the Food Stamp Program, the school lunch and breakfast programs, and the Women, Infants, and Children [WIC] program. For many low-income families, these programs are the

only way that they can meet their nutritional needs. This legislation also includes \$858 million for the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal agency responsible for protecting food safety and promoting safe and effective drugs to combat illnesses. This legislation also includes \$34 million for a new food safety initiative to increase surveillance, research, and education concerning food-borne illnesses.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the conferees for their work in putting together a conference report that achieves so many important goals.

This conference report includes an increase from \$4 million to \$34 million to implement the FDA's regulations aimed at curbing tobacco use by underage consumers. This makes sense.

Underage smoking creates a new generation of smokers and it puts them on the road to potentially debilitating and costly health problems. We need to prevent this now.

I would have liked a conference report that included language that would have eliminated the USDA's nonrecourse loan program for sugar. Through a combination of import quotas, price supports and subsidized loans, our Government props up sugar prices nationwide.

This is not about the small sugar farmer. This is about big agri-business. Most beneficiaries of the sugar program are large corporate interests, not small farmers. The GAO estimates that 42 percent of the sugar program benefits went to 1 percent of sugar plantations. We need to eliminate this corporate welfare, and I am sorry we are not doing that with this conference report today.

Yet, I do support this conference report because it helps our children.

What we are doing with this conference report is protecting and feeding our children.

Mr. Speaker, we are helping ensure the health of our children by increasing funding for WIC by \$118 million over the previous year. This will help maintain the current participation level of 7.4 million individuals. The WIC program is a program that works, and in the longer-term, actually saves Federal money. For every \$1 dollar used in the prenatal segment of the WIC Program, Medicaid saves untold moneys and give healthy productive lives to these children and cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

WIC works. It reduces the instances of infant mortality, low birthweight, malnutrition and the myriad other problems of impoverished children. The WIC program also provides valuable health care counseling for expectant mothers for both mothers and children.

This report also provides \$7.8 billion for child nutrition programs, such as the school lunch and breakfast programs. This is \$885 million more than the previous year. These programs help our children focus in the classroom and have the ability to concentrate on learning, and not hunger.

Mr. Speaker, we have been presented with a great opportunity today to make wise investments in our children, and our future. Let's vote for this conference report.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SKEEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 18, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 491]

YEAS—399

Abercrombie	Deal	Holden
Ackerman	DeGette	Hooley
Aderholt	Delahunt	Horn
Allen	DeLauro	Hostettler
Archer	DeLay	Houghton
Armey	Dellums	Hoyer
Bachus	Deutsch	Hulshof
Baesler	Diaz-Balart	Hunter
Baker	Dickey	Hutchinson
Baldacci	Dicks	Hyde
Ballenger	Dingell	Inglis
Barcia	Dixon	Istook
Barr	Dooley	Jackson (IL)
Barrett (NE)	Doolittle	Jackson-Lee
Barrett (WI)	Doyle	(TX)
Bartlett	Dreier	Jefferson
Barton	Duncan	Jenkins
Bass	Dunn	John
Bateman	Edwards	Johnson (CT)
Bentsen	Ehlers	Johnson (WI)
Bereuter	Ehrlich	Johnson, E.B.
Berman	Emerson	Johnson, Sam
Berry	Engel	Jones
Bilbray	English	Kanjorski
Bilirakis	Eshoo	Kaptur
Bishop	Etheridge	Kasich
Blagojevich	Evans	Kelly
Bliley	Everett	Kennedy (MA)
Blumenauer	Ewing	Kennedy (RI)
Blunt	Farr	Kennelly
Boehlert	Fattah	Kildee
Boehner	Fawell	Kilpatrick
Bonilla	Fazio	Kim
Bonior	Filmer	Kind (WI)
Bono	Flake	King (NY)
Borski	Foley	Kingston
Boswell	Forbes	Klecza
Boyd	Ford	Klink
Brady	Fowler	Klug
Brown (CA)	Fox	Knollenberg
Brown (OH)	Frank (MA)	Kolbe
Bryant	Franks (NJ)	LaFalce
Bunning	Frelinghuysen	LaHood
Burr	Frost	Lampson
Burton	Furse	Lantos
Buyer	Gallegly	Largent
Callahan	Ganske	Latham
Calvert	Gejdenson	LaTourrette
Camp	Gekas	Lazio
Canady	Gibbons	Leach
Cannon	Gilchrest	Levin
Capps	Gillmor	Lewis (CA)
Cardin	Gilman	Lewis (GA)
Carson	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Castle	Goodlatte	Linder
Chabot	Goodling	Lipinski
Chambliss	Gordon	Livingston
Chenoweth	Goss	LoBiondo
Christensen	Graham	Lowe
Clay	Granger	Lucas
Clayton	Green	Luther
Clement	Gutierrez	Maloney (CT)
Clyburn	Gutknecht	Maloney (NY)
Coble	Hall (OH)	Manton
Collins	Hall (TX)	Markey
Combest	Hamilton	Martinez
Condit	Hansen	Mascara
Cook	Harman	Matsui
Cooksey	Hastert	McCarthy (MO)
Costello	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (NY)
Cox	Hastings (WA)	McCollum
Coyne	Hayworth	McCreery
Cramer	Hefley	McDade
Crane	Hefner	McDermott
Crapo	Herger	McGovern
Cummings	Hill	McHale
Cunningham	Hilleary	McHugh
Danner	Hinchee	McInnis
Davis (FL)	Hinojosa	McIntosh
Davis (IL)	Hobson	McIntyre
Davis (VA)	Hoekstra	McKeon

McKinney	Pryce (OH)	Souder
McNulty	Quinn	Spence
Meehan	Radanovich	Spratt
Meek	Rahall	Stabenow
Menendez	Ramstad	Stark
Metcalfe	Rangel	Stenholm
Mica	Redmond	Stokes
Millender-McDonald	Regula	Strickland
Miller (FL)	Reyes	Stump
Minge	Riggs	Stupak
Mink	Riley	Sununu
Moakley	Rivers	Talent
Mollohan	Rodriguez	Tanner
Moran (KS)	Roemer	Tauscher
Moran (VA)	Rogan	Tauzin
Morella	Rogers	Taylor (NC)
Murtha	Ros-Lehtinen	Thomas
Myrick	Rothman	Thompson
Nadler	Roukema	Thornberry
Nadler	Roybal-Allard	Thune
Neal	Rush	Thurman
Nethercutt	Ryun	Tiahrt
Neumann	Sabo	Tierney
Ney	Sanchez	Torres
Northrup	Sanders	Towns
Norwood	Sandlin	Trafficant
Nussle	Sanford	Turner
Oberstar	Sawyer	Upton
Obey	Saxton	Velazquez
Olver	Schaefer, Dan	Vento
Ortiz	Schaffer, Bob	Visclosky
Oxley	Scott	Walsh
Packard	Serrano	Wamp
Pallone	Sessions	Waters
Pappas	Shadegg	Watkins
Parker	Shaw	Watt (NC)
Pascrell	Shays	Watts (OK)
Pastor	Sherman	Waxman
Paxon	Shimkus	Weldon (FL)
Payne	Shuster	Weldon (PA)
Pease	Sisisky	Weller
Pelosi	Skaggs	Wexler
Peterson (MN)	Skeen	White
Peterson (PA)	Skeltton	Whitfield
Petri	Slaughter	Wicker
Pickering	Smith (MI)	Wise
Pickett	Smith (NJ)	Wolf
Pitts	Smith (TX)	Woolsey
Pomeroy	Smith, Adam	Wynn
Porter	Smith, Linda	Yates
Portman	Snowbarger	Young (AK)
Poshard	Snyder	Young (FL)
Price (NC)	Solomon	

NAYS—18

Andrews	Ensign	Royce
Campbell	Kucinich	Salmon
Conyers	Lofgren	Scarborough
Cubin	Miller (CA)	Sensenbrenner
DeFazio	Paul	Stearns
Doggett	Rohrabacher	Taylor (MS)

NOT VOTING—16

Becerra	Gonzalez	Schiff
Boucher	Greenwood	Schumer
Brown (FL)	Hilliard	Smith (OR)
Coburn	Manzullo	Weygand
Foglietta	Owens	
Gephardt	Pombo	

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So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENT TO OFFER MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2159, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. LARGENT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to rule XXVIII, clause 1(c), I rise today to give the House notice of my intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes. The motion is at the desk.

The form of the motion is as follows:

Mr. LARGENT moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2159 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 581 of the House bill (relating to restrictions on assistance to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortions).

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2267, DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2267) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MR. MOLLOHAN

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to instruct.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. MOLLOHAN moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the House and the Senate on H.R. 2267, Commerce-Justice-State-Judiciary Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998, be instructed to insist on the House position regarding funding for programs under the Victims of Child Abuse Act in the Juvenile Justice Programs account.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. MOLLOHAN] and the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. ROGERS] each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. MOLLOHAN].

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me explain this motion to instruct to my colleagues. The House-Commerce-Justice-State appropriation bill provides \$7 million for various programs authorized by the Victims of Child Abuse Act. The Senate bill provides \$4.5 million for these programs, which is the budget request.

The Victims of Child Abuse Program improves the quality of local and Federal child abuse prosecution and case handling. It does this by identifying and implementing improved policies and procedures to assist State and Federal prosecutors in keeping abreast of modern practices in child abuse prosecution.

The program also funds local and regional child advocacy center programs