

each year, the Secretary, in consultation with the State technical committee for an eligible State, shall determine any conservation practices and timing restrictions that apply to land in the State that is harvested or grazed under subsection (b).

(e) **STUDY.**—The Secretary shall make available not more than \$100,000 of funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation to contract with the game, fish, and parks department of an eligible State to conduct an analysis of the program conducted under this section (based on information provided by all eligible States).

(f) **REGULATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue such regulations as are necessary to implement this Act.

(2) **PROCEDURE.**—The issuance of the regulations shall be made without regard to—

(A) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code;

(B) the Statement of Policy of the Secretary of Agriculture effective July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg. 13804), relating to notices of proposed rulemaking and public participation in rulemaking; or

(C) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the "Paperwork Reduction Act").

#### DURBIN AMENDMENT NO. 3144

Mr. BUMPERS (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2159, supra; as follows:

On page 67, after line 23, add the following:

##### **SEC. 7 . EGG GRADING AND SAFETY.**

(a) **PROHIBITION ON PREVIOUS SHIPMENT OF SHELL EGGS UNDER VOLUNTARY GRADING PROGRAM.**—Section 203(h) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(h)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "Shell eggs packed under the voluntary grading program of the Department of Agriculture shall not have been shipped for sale previous to being packed under the program, as determined under a regulation promulgated by the Secretary."

(b) **REPORT ON EGG SAFETY AND REPACKAGING.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall submit a status report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate that describes actions taken by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services—

(1) to enhance the safety of shell eggs and egg products;

(2) to prohibit the grading, under the voluntary grading program of the Department of Agriculture, of shell eggs previously shipped for sale; and

(3) to assess the feasibility and desirability of applying to all shell eggs the prohibition on repackaging to enhance food safety, consumer information, and consumer awareness.

#### BYRD AMENDMENT NO. 3145

Mr. BUMPERS (for Mr. BYRD) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2159, supra; as follows:

On page 31, line 8, after "Provided," insert "That, of the total amount appropriated, \$433,000 shall be used, along with prior year appropriations provided for this project, to complete construction of the Alderson Plant Materials Center, Alderson, West Virginia; Provided, further,".

#### DASCHLE (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3146

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2159, supra; as follows:

On page 67, after line 23, add the following:  
**SEC. 7 . MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS.**

(a) **MARKETING ASSISTANCE LOANS.**—

(1) **LOAN RATES.**—Notwithstanding section 132 of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7232), during fiscal year 1999, loan rates for a loan commodity (as defined in section 102 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 7202)) shall not be subject to any dollar limitation on loan rates prescribed under subsections (a)(1)(B), (b)(1)(B), (c)(2), (d)(2), (f)(1)(B), or (f)(2)(B) of that section.

(2) **TERM OF LOAN.**—Notwithstanding section 133(c) of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7233), during fiscal year 1999, the Secretary of Agriculture may extend the term of a marketing assistance loan for any loan commodity for a period not to exceed 6 months.

(b) **EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT.**—

(1) **DESIGNATION BY CONGRESS.**—Subject to paragraph (2), the entire amount of funds necessary to carry out this section is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement under section 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 902(e)).

(2) **BUDGET REQUEST.**—Funds shall be made available to carry out this section only to the extent that an official budget request that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement for the purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) is transmitted by the President to Congress.

(c) **TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), the authority provided by this section terminates effective October 1, 1999.

(2) **LOAN TERMS.**—A marketing assistance loan made under subtitle C of the Agricultural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7231 et seq.) and subsection (a) shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the loan during the 15-month period beginning on October 1, 1998.

#### LIEBERMAN (AND DODD) AMENDMENT NO. 3147

Mr. BUMPERS (for Mr. LIEBERMAN for himself and Mr. DODD) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2159, supra; as follows:

On page 67, after line 23, add the following:  
**SEC. . . ELIGIBILITY OF STATE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATIONS FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS.**

(a) **FUND FOR RURAL AMERICA.**—Section 793(c)(2)(B) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 2204f(c)(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iii), by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in clause (iv), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(v) a State agricultural experiment station."

(b) **INITIATIVE FOR FUTURE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS.**—Section 401(d) of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7621(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) a State agricultural experiment station."

#### TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION ACT OF 1998

#### HELMS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3148

Mr. ROBERTS (for Mr. HELMS for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LUGAR) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1758) to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests; as follows:

On page 6, line 11, strike "continental" and insert "regional, continental,".

On page 11, line 7, strike "For the cost" and insert the following:

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—For the cost".

On page 11, line 11, strike "(A)" and insert "(i)".

On page 11, line 12, strike "(B)" and insert "(ii)".

On page 11, line 13, strike "(C)" and insert "(iii)".

On page 11, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

"(B) **LIMITATION.**—The authority provided by this section shall be available only to the extent that appropriations for the cost (as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990) of the modification of any debt pursuant to this section are made in advance.

On page 15, line 2, insert "the lessor of" after "than".

On page 15, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

"(3) **LIMITATION.**—The authority provided by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be available only to the extent that appropriations for the cost (as defined in section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990) of the modification of any debt pursuant to such paragraphs are made in advance.

On page 15, line 7, strike "(3)" and insert "(4)".

On page 15, line 12, strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".

On page 18, line 2, strike "agroforestry" and insert "forestry".

On page 18, line 16, strike "to provide grants to preserve" and insert "only to provide grants to conserve."

On page 18, line 18, strike "including" and insert "through".

On page 19, lines 1 and 2, strike "strengthen conservation institutions and increase" and insert "increase the".

On page 19, strike lines 10 and 11.

On page 19, line 12, strike "(7)" and insert "(6)".

On page 19, line 14, strike ", including the cultures of such individuals,".

On page 19, line 21, insert "forestry," after "conservation,".

On page 22, line 7, strike "agricultural" and insert "forestry".

On page 23, line 5, insert "forestry," after "scientific,".

On page 23, line 7, insert "forestry," after "scientific,".