

understand, the farmer that sold the day before Katrina got his money out of the marketplace, and what the LDP did is protect those farmers that sold later to get the same price that farmer got right before Katrina. So that's exactly what this is supposed to do.

Farmers don't have any power in this marketplace to speak of. If you want to give all the power to the big guys, go to this system. It's not what we want to do in the Ag Committee.

Mr. BOEHNER. Reclaiming my time, I served for the last 17 years with Mr. PETERSON on the Ag Committee. I'm on leave, and I know all my colleagues on the Ag Committee are glad that I'm on leave. But the fact is that marketing loans and loan deficiency payments were there to facilitate the marketing of a crop. They weren't there to make or set up a system to allow or to put farmers in a position where they become day traders, and the current system does, in fact, allow that.

So instead of looking at a daily posted county price, if you looked at a monthly posted county price where you take out the high for the month and the low for the month and pick 5 days, you've got a fair price for all farmers. You've got a fair system that prevents people from gaming the system because of some abnormality in the market that may occur on one or two days.

This is a commonsense amendment. I would urge my colleagues to adopt it.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back my time.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio will be postponed.

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ALLEN) having assumed the chair, Mr. SCHIFF, Acting Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

MODIFICATION TO AMENDMENT EN BLOC OFFERED BY MR. PETERSON OF MINNESOTA AND PERMISSION TO OFFER AMENDMENTS NUMBERED 9 AND 11 AT ANY TIME

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

during further consideration of H.R. 2419, pursuant to House Resolution 574, (1) the amendment en bloc offered by the gentleman from Minnesota be considered as modified by the form I have placed at the desk and that it be considered as adopted as so modified, and (2) amendments No. 9 and No. 11 be permitted to be offered at any time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the modification.

The Clerk read as follows:

Modification to en bloc amendment offered by Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota: Strike amendment No. 9.

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

There was no objection.

FARM, NUTRITION, AND BIOENERGY ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 574 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2419.

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Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, with Mr. SCHIFF (Acting Chairman) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 13 printed in part B of House Report 110-261 by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER) had been postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MR. MANZULLO

The Acting CHAIRMAN. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 15 printed in part B of House Report 110-261.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 15 offered by Mr. MANZULLO:

Strike subsection (a) of section 1246 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as added by section 2409(a) of the bill, and insert the following:

“(a) PAYMENTS FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES.—The total amount of payments that a person or a legal entity (except a joint venture or a general partnership) may receive, directly or indirectly, in any fiscal year shall not exceed—

“(1) \$60,000 from any single program under this title (other than the environmental quality incentives program) or as agricultural management assistance under section 524(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 524(b));

“(2) \$125,000 from more than one program under this title (other than the environ-

mental quality incentives program) or as agricultural management assistance under section 524(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act; or

“(3) \$450,000 from the environmental quality incentives program.

MODIFICATION TO AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MR. MANZULLO

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to modify the amendment with the modification placed at the desk in order to make a technical correction.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will report the modification.

The Clerk read as follows:

Modification to amendment No. 15 offered by Mr. MANZULLO:

Strike subsection (a) of section 1246 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as added by section 2409(a) of the bill, and insert the following:

“(a) PAYMENTS FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES.—The total amount of payments that a person or a legal entity (except a joint venture or a general partnership) may receive, directly or indirectly—

“(1) in any fiscal year shall not exceed—

“(A) \$60,000 from any single program under this title (other than the environmental quality incentives program) or as agricultural management assistance under section 524(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 524(b)); or

“(B) \$125,000 from more than one program under this title (other than the environmental quality incentives program) or as agricultural management assistance under section 524(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act; and

“(2) for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2012, shall not exceed \$450,000 from the environmental quality incentives program.

Mr. MANZULLO (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the modification is accepted.

There was no objection.

The Acting CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 574, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. MANZULLO) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PETERSON) each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of my amendment that will exempt the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, EQIP, from a \$60,000 payment limitation that this bill proposes for conservation purposes.

This program provides farmers with financial and technical assistance to plan and implement soil and water conservation practices and has the full support of the environmental and farming community.

This amendment is more of a technical correction, as all it does is return the EQIP payment limitation to its current level of \$450,000 over the life of the farm bill. The amendment does not