

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3150

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to use section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, to provide compensation to certain poultry producers whose poultry production contracts were terminated or not renewed because of the closure of poultry processing plants and other cost cutting measures undertaken by a poultry processing company in bankruptcy protection.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 9, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE (for himself, Mr. ROSS, Mr. KISSELL, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. HOLDEN, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia) 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. COMPENSATION FOR ECONOMIC LOSSES DUE**
2 **TO LOSS OF POULTRY PRODUCTION CON-**
3 **TRACTS WITH BANKRUPT POULTRY PROC-**
4 **ESSING COMPANY.**

5 Using not more than \$50,000,000 of amounts in the
6 fund established under section 32 of the Act of August
7 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c), and the authority provided by
8 paragraph (3) of the second sentence of such section, the
9 Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Farm Service
10 Agency, shall provide compensation to poultry producers
11 whose poultry production contracts were terminated or not
12 renewed during the period beginning on July 1, 2008, and
13 ending on the date of the enactment of this Act, because
14 of the closure of poultry processing plants and other cost
15 cutting measures undertaken by a poultry processing com-
16 pany in bankruptcy protection. A poultry producer seeking
17 compensation under this section shall be required to docu-
18 ment to the satisfaction of the Secretary the termination
19 or non-renewal of a production contract and the subse-
20 quent economic losses incurred by the producer as a result
21 of the termination or non-renewal of the contract by the
22 poultry processing company.

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