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H. R. 1438

To prohibit the Federal Government from providing insurance, reinsurance,
or noninsured crop disaster assistance for tobacco.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 1997

Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. FURSE, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. COOK, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLVER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. CASTLE, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. McHALE, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. DEFazio, and Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

To prohibit the Federal Government from providing insurance, reinsurance, or noninsured crop disaster assistance for tobacco.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tobacco Subsidy Re-

5 duction Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF FEDERAL INSURANCE, REINSUR-**
2 **ANCE, OR NONINSURED CROP DISASTER AS-**
3 **SISTANCE FOR TOBACCO.**

4 (a) CROP INSURANCE.—

5 (1) DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMOD-
6 ITY.—Section 518 of the Federal Crop Insurance
7 Act (7 U.S.C. 1518) is amended—

8 (A) by striking the section heading and all
9 that follows through “as used in this title,
10 means” and inserting the following:

11 **“SEC. 518. DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.**

12 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this title, the term ‘agricul-
13 tural commodity’ means”;

14 (B) by striking “tobacco,”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(b) EXCEPTION.—In this title, the term ‘agricul-
17 tural commodity’ does not include tobacco. The Corpora-
18 tion may not insure, provide reinsurance for insurers of,
19 or pay any part of the premium related to the coverage
20 of a crop of tobacco.”.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 508
22 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508)
23 is amended—

24 (A) in the first sentence of subsection
25 (a)(2), by striking “cases of tobacco and” and
26 inserting “case of”; and

1 (B) in subsection (h)(9)(A), by inserting “,
2 excluding tobacco,” after “commodity”.

3 (b) NONINSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE.—
4 Section 196(a)(2) of Agricultural Market Transition Act
5 (7 U.S.C. 7333(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following:

7 “(C) CROPS SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED.—
8 The term ‘eligible crop’ does not include to-
9 bacco. The Secretary may not make assistance
10 available under this section to cover losses to a
11 crop of tobacco.”.

12 (c) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
14 the amendments made by this section shall apply
15 with respect to the 1997 and subsequent crops of to-
16 bacco.

17 (2) EXISTING CONTRACTS.—The amendments
18 made by this section shall not apply to a contract of
19 insurance of the Federal Crop Insurance Corpora-
20 tion, or a contract of insurance reinsured by the
21 Corporation, in existence on the date of enactment
22 of this Act.

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