

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2145

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make guaranteed farm ownership loans and guaranteed farm operating loans of up to \$600,000, and to increase such maximum loan amounts with inflation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 1997

Mr. PICKERING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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## 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GUARAN-**  
4                               **TEED FARM OWNERSHIP LOANS; INDEXATION**  
5                               **TO INFLATION.**

6       Section 305 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
7       velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1925) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “\$300,000” and inserting  
 2           “\$600,000 (increased, beginning with fiscal year  
 3           1998, by the inflation percentage applicable to the  
 4           fiscal year in which the loan is to be made or in-  
 5           sured)”; and

6           (2) by adding at the end the following: “For  
 7           purposes of this section, the inflation percentage ap-  
 8           plicable to a fiscal year is the percentage (if any) by  
 9           which (A) the average of the Consumer Price Index  
 10          (as defined in section 1(f)(5) of the Internal Reve-  
 11          nue Code of 1986) for the 12-month period ending  
 12          on August 31 of the immediately preceding fiscal  
 13          year, exceeds (B) the average of the Consumer Price  
 14          Index (as so defined) for the 12-month period end-  
 15          ing on August 31, 1996.”.

16 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GUARANTEED**  
 17 **FARM OPERATING LOANS; INDEXATION TO**  
 18 **INFLATION.**

19          Section 313 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
 20          velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1943) is amended—

21           (1) by striking “\$400,000” and inserting  
 22           “\$600,000 (increased, beginning with fiscal year  
 23           1998, by the inflation percentage applicable to the  
 24           fiscal year in which the loan is to be made or in-  
 25           sured)”; and

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