

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 502

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 1997

Mr. ANDREWS 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Agricultural Reconcili-
3 ation Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PARITY PAYMENTS AND MARKET-**
5 **ING QUOTAS FOR BASIC AGRICULTURAL**
6 **COMMODITIES.**

7 (a) ACTIVITIES UNDER 1938 ACT.—The Agricultural
8 Adjustment Act of 1938 is amended by striking the follow-
9 ing provisions:

10 (1) Section 303 (7 U.S.C. 1303), relating to
11 parity payments.

12 (2) Part II of subtitle B of title III (7 U.S.C.
13 1326 et seq.), relating to acreage allotments for
14 corn.

15 (3) Part III of subtitle B of title III (7 U.S.C.
16 1331 et seq.), relating to marketing quotas for
17 wheat.

18 (4) Part IV of subtitle B of title III (7 U.S.C.
19 1341 et seq.), relating to marketing quotas for cot-
20 ton.

21 (5) Part V of subtitle B of title III (7 U.S.C.
22 1351 et seq.), relating to marketing quotas for rice.

23 (6) Subtitle D of title III (7 U.S.C. 1379a et
24 seq.), relating to wheat marketing allocation.

1 (b) ACTIVITIES UNDER 1949 ACT.—The Agricultural
 2 Act of 1949 is amended by striking the following provi-
 3 sions:

4 (1) Section 101 (7 U.S.C. 1441), relating to
 5 parity payments.

6 (2) Section 103 (7 U.S.C. 1444), relating to
 7 cotton price support.

8 (3) Section 105 (7 U.S.C. 1444b), relating to
 9 feed grain price support.

10 (4) Section 107 (7 U.S.C. 1445a), relating to
 11 wheat price support.

12 (c) SPECIAL WHEAT AND CORN PROVISION.—The
 13 joint resolution entitled “A joint resolution relating to
 14 corn and wheat marketing quotas under the Agricultural
 15 Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended”, approved May 26,
 16 1941 (7 U.S.C. 1330 and 1340), is repealed.

17 **SEC. 3. PAYMENTS AND PAYMENT DURATION UNDER PRO-**
 18 **DUCTION FLEXIBILITY CONTRACTS.**

19 (a) REDUCTIONS.—Section 113(a) of the Agricul-
 20 tural Market Transition Act (7 U.S.C. 7213) is amended
 21 by striking paragraphs (3) through (7) and inserting the
 22 following new paragraphs:

23 “(3) For fiscal year 1998, \$4,577,000,000.

24 “(4) For fiscal year 1999, \$3,890,000,000.

25 “(5) For fiscal year 2000, \$3,306,000,000.

1 “(6) For fiscal year 2001, \$0.

2 “(7) For fiscal year 2002, \$0.”.

3 (b) PROHIBITION ON SUBSEQUENT PROVISION OF
4 PRICE SUPPORT.—During fiscal year 2001 and there-
5 after, the Secretary of Agriculture may not make price
6 support available, whether in the form of loans, purchases,
7 production flexibility contracts, or other operations, with
8 respect to wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, up-
9 land cotton, or rice, by using the funds of the Commodity
10 Credit Corporation or under the authority of any law.

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