

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 801

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

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

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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. SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY TO REMOVE INTRA-**
2 **STATE DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTION ON**
3 **STATE-INSPECTED MEAT AND POULTRY.**

4 (a) **FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT.**—Section
5 301(a)(1) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.
6 661(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new sentence: “If the Secretary determines that a State
8 meat inspection program consistently enforces State meat
9 inspection requirements that are at least equal to the Fed-
10 eral inspection, reinspection, and sanitation requirements
11 under title I of this Act, the Secretary may waive the limi-
12 tation that restricts meat and meat food products in-
13 spected under that program to intrastate distribution.”.

14 (b) **POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION ACT.**—Section
15 5(a)(1) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C.
16 454(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following
17 new sentence: “If the Secretary determines that a State
18 poultry product inspection program consistently enforces
19 State poultry inspection requirements that are at least
20 equal to the Federal inspection, reinspection, and sanita-
21 tion requirements under this Act, the Secretary may waive
22 the limitation that restricts poultry and poultry products
23 inspected under that program to intrastate distribution.”.

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